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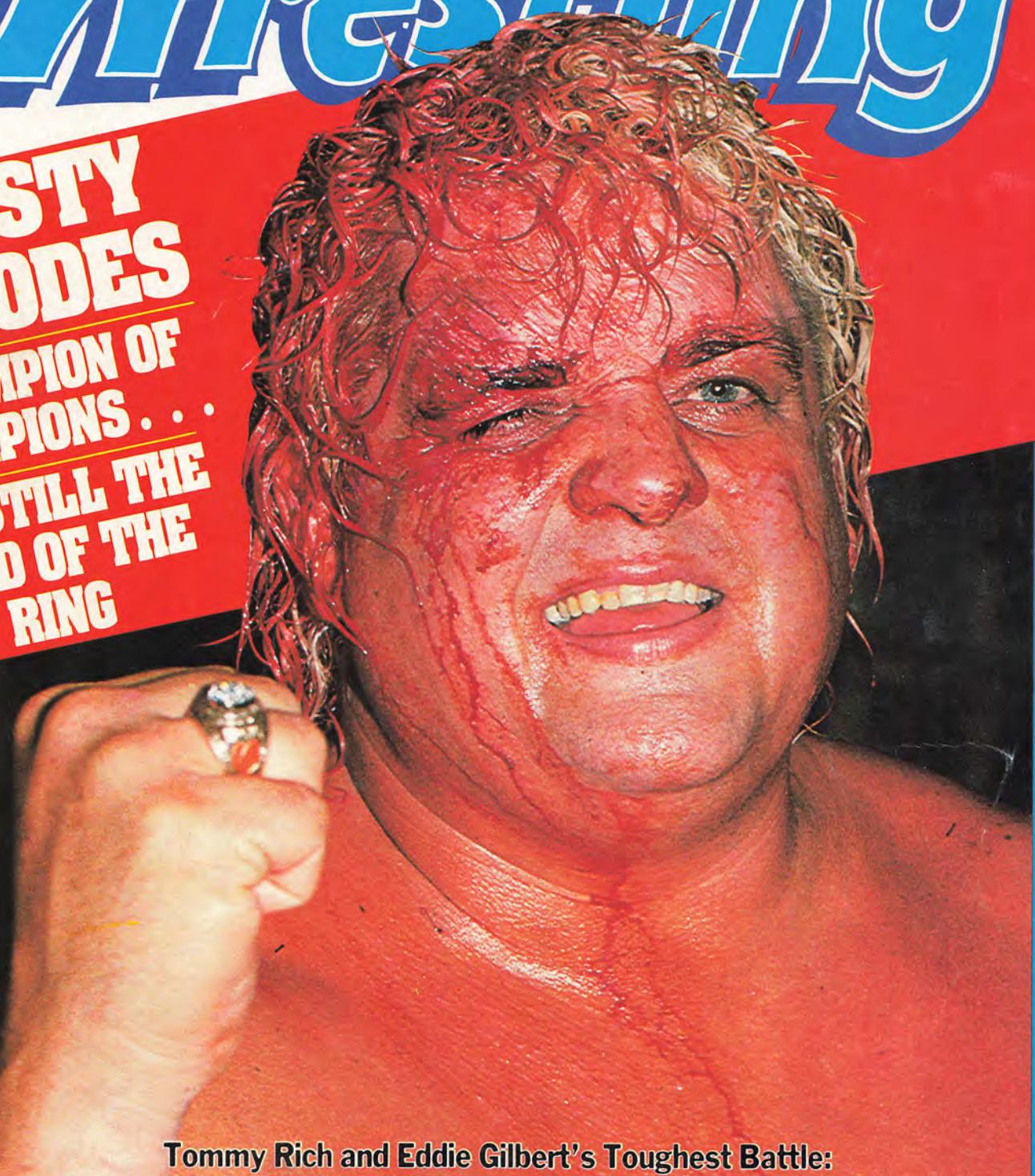
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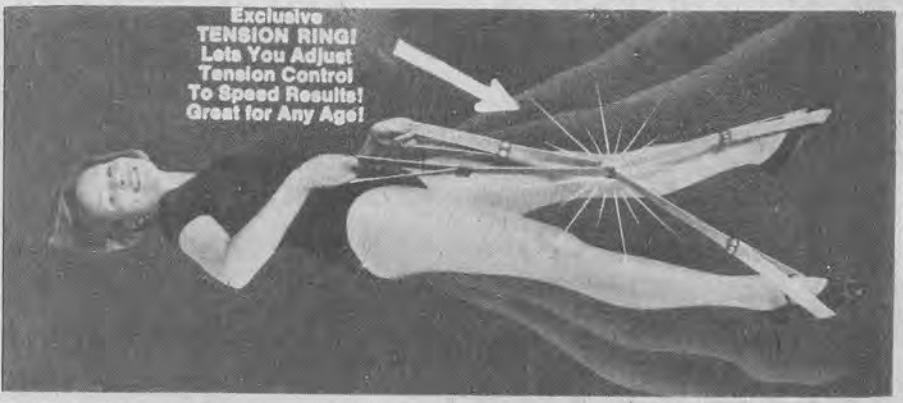
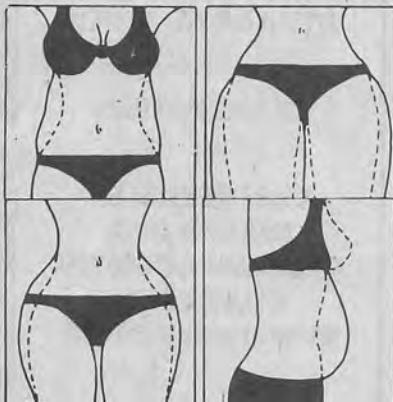
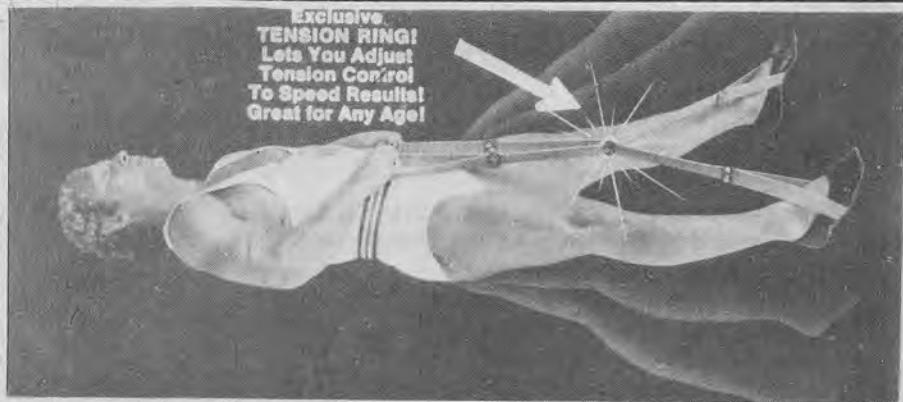


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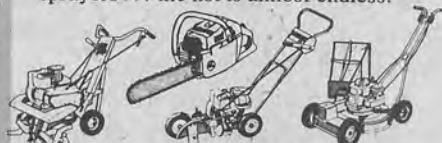
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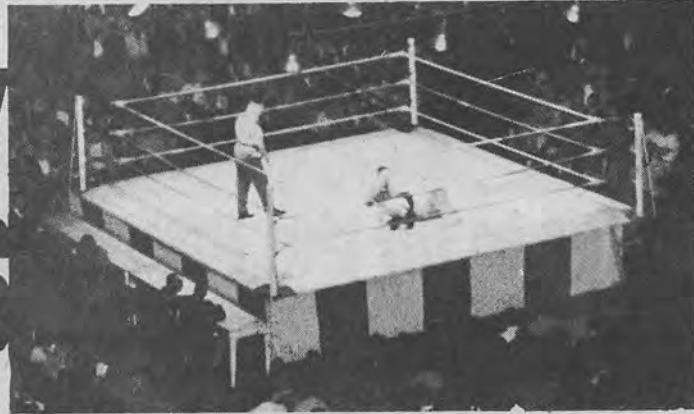
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Because of his behavior on "Piper's Pit," Roddy Piper has lost a fan in Eddie Robinson of Hagerstown, Maryland.

## GET LOST, PIPER!

An open letter to Roddy Piper:

In the December 1982 issue of *Inside Wrestling*, there was a letter from me asking you to come to the WWF. Now that you've been here for a while, I have one thing to say: I hate your guts! All you do is run your big mouth and insult all my favorite wrestlers. And hitting Jimmy Snuka with a coconut and smashing a banana in his face was really one of the most disgusting things I've ever seen. Yeah, I was a big fan of yours while you were in the Georgia area, but since you've come to the WWF I think you stink.

I'll leave you with one final comment: BLOW IT OUT YOUR BAGPIPES!

EDDIE ROBINSON  
Hagerstown, MD

## THE DISGRACE OF DiBIASE

I am responding to a letter in your August 1984 issue, written by Ann Bowman of Enterprise, Pennsylvania, concerning the "unfair humiliation" of Ted DiBiase.

She thinks DiBiase was cheated out of the National title. Well, I think she's nuts. Everyone knows his glove is loaded and he can't win a match against other top wrestlers unless he uses it. Without it, he'd be another preliminary wrestler.

With the loaded glove, DiBiase has:

- Cheated Brett Wayne out of the National heavyweight title.
- With the help of The Spoiler, busted up Bob Armstrong's face and very nearly cost him his life.
- Attempted to cheat Tommy Rich out of his wrestling career. If not for the loopholes in the match contract, Ted DiBiase, called a "disgrace" by Debbie Bennett, hits Tommy Rich with an open-handed uppercut.

Tommy wouldn't be wrestling today.

● During Brad Armstrong's match with Nikolai Volkoff, ran in and broke Brad's nose. If what DiBiase says about his glove being protection for an injured hand is true, then he couldn't possibly have hit Brad that hard.

How can Ann Bowman say that Ted was cheated out of *anything*? He is cheating everyone else. Ted is a disgrace to the sport of wrestling and shouldn't be allowed to wrestle. Anyone that sides with The Legion of Doom can't be much, and is gonna go down with the Legion, because they will soon be a thing of the past.

DEBBIE BENNETT  
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## BACKLUND IN THE NWA?

An open letter to Bob Backlund:

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During the week of July 16, we heard from you in record numbers, and your questions were all the same: Where is Gordon and Ole?

On July 14, because of a stock buyout, Vince McMahon and the WWF took over the television time on WTBS' wrestling show. Previously, NWA Georgia wrestling with Gordon Solie and Ole Anderson had occupied that time slot.

Surprisingly, McMahon did not continue the very popular Georgia promotion, but instead inserted repeat matches from other WWF TV shows.

Howls of protest flooded WTBS' switchboard, prompting a story in Atlanta's leading newspaper, the Atlanta Constitution. In fact, the protest was so heavy that WTBS decided to put Ole and Gordon back on the air in a brand-new show. (For full coverage of this dramatic issue, be sure to pick up a copy of the December issue of Pro Wrestling Illustrated, which goes on sale September 25.)

I think WTBS should be applauded for its courageous move. It's good to see a television network that remains responsive to its viewers' wishes. The WWF may be big, but apparently it's no match for Ted Turner, the entrepreneur who owns WTBS, as well as Cable News Network, the Atlanta Braves baseball team, and Atlanta Hawks basketball team.

McMahon, in an interview with the Atlanta Constitution, claimed that the NWA Georgia show, which was produced by the crew at WTBS, was a "minor league production." To me, that's a ridiculous statement—anyone who compares the commentary of McMahon (or especially his carnival-barker-sounding sidekick, Gene Okerlund) with Gordon Solie's blow-by-blow work knows the truth.

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# **Behind the Dressing Room Door**

**by Stu  
Saks**

I'M LOOKING AROUND the office now and I see Craig Peters, Joseph Bua, Steve Medwid, Steve Farhood, Rich Countis, and Jeff Ryan, pounding away at the keyboards of their computer terminals. Would you believe that among everyone here (veteran reporters Bill Apter, Peter King, Dan Shocket, and Matt Brock are on assignment), I am the only one who was born when Fabulous Moolah won the World women's championship back in September 1956?

Good lord, that was 27 years ago! Twenty-seven years ago, there were 75 million fewer people in the United States, Ike was president (there have been six since), Lou Thesz was the NWA champion (there have been 13 since), Sugar Ray Robinson was the middleweight champion of the world, *Around the World in 80 Days* won the Academy Award, *The Phil Silvers Show* won an Emmy Award, Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" was the song of the year.

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**A**CCORDING TO THE publishing schedule taped to the right side of my desk, the January 1984 issue of our sister publication *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* goes on sale on October 23.

Although still a long way off, October 23 will be here before you know it. And when that time comes, you'll be asked to make nine of the most important decisions any wrestling fan can make.

It will be the time for you to cast your votes for the best wrestlers of 1984.

Those wrestlers lucky enough to be voted a winner, or even a top runner-up, have been designated an honor that is rare in wrestling, because the *PWI* year-end awards are voted by the sport's top fans—the readers of *PWI*.

While there are still a few months left in 1984, I thought it would be interesting to take a look at some of the categories and some of the men who, at this point in the year, could be considered top contenders for the year-end awards. Consider this wrestling's equivalent of the Gallup Poll in national elections—the Peters Poll!

But remember: There's still a long way to go, and some of the men who are in the running today could be the longshots of tomorrow, and vice-versa.

And when October 23 rolls around, the decision will ultimately be up to you, the fans. And that's as it should be.



*Jimmy Valiant & Friends*

**Most popular wrestler of the year:** There have been so many in 1984, it's difficult to judge. Certainly Jimmy Valiant, by virtue of his expanding "Boogie Woogie Brigade," would have to be considered a top contender. Sgt. Slaughter's feud with The Iron Sheik would also make him a favorite in this category. Dusty Rhodes has been riding high in the popularity ratings this year, and his excellent match against NWA World champion Ric Flair, a match that brought Rhodes the honor of being named "Champion of Champions," is not going to hurt his vote total. Rick Steamboat's return to the ring this year captured the hearts of wrestling fans throughout the country. Billy Jack's rise to national prominence in the Florida area won him millions of new fans in 1984. And there are so many more names to choose from, it's almost impossible to pick three or four potential top finishers. One thing is certain: With so many top candidates, the balloting in

this category is sure to provide one of the fiercest contests of the entire voting process.

**Match of the year:** Thus far, I would have to concede that there are two frontrunners: Kerry Von Erich's defeat of Ric Flair in front of 43,517 fans on May 6 in Irving, Texas, to capture the NWA

World title, and Rick Martel's AWA World title victory over Jumbo Tsuruta May 13 in St. Paul, Minnesota. But there are a couple of dark horse possibilities that could finish right up there, too. Ric Flair's regaining of the NWA World belt from Kerry Von Erich in Japan on May 24; Magnum T.A.'s feud-culminating de-

feat of Mr. Wrestling II, capturing the North American title in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 13; Ric Flair's incredible title defense against Rick Steamboat in New Jersey's Meadowlands on May 29; and Hulk Hogan's defeat of The Iron Sheik on January 23 in Madison Square Garden to capture the WWF title.

**Tag team of the year:** This has been an incredible year for tag team wrestling so far. In the wake of an attempted ban on The Road Warriors by the NWA, Hawk and Animal have gone to the AWA area; their activities in the AWA in the near future will no doubt affect the number of votes they receive in the final balloting. But there is always the chance that they could become the first team to win this honor two years in a row. They've got stiff competition, however, in The Fabulous Ones, The Rock 'n' Roll Express, The Von Erichs, Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo, The Freebirds, The Fantastic Ones, The Midnight Express, Baron Von Raschke & Crusher, and Jay Youngblood & The Renegade. They're all excellent teams, and while fans may rally in support of the Warriors because of the ban attempt, I don't think this category will be a runaway victory for Hawk and Animal.

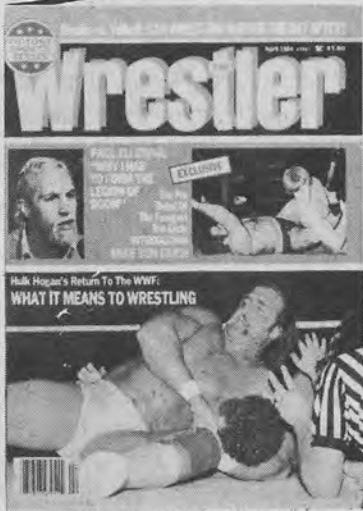
**Manager of the year:** It will be interesting to see how Captain Lou Albano's involvement with rock star Cyndi Lauper, an involvement that thrust him into the media spotlight but took him away from the wrestling ring for a considerable period of time in 1984, will affect his vote total. J.J. Dillon claimed that he would be the first man in history to capture Manager of the Year honors three years in a row, but he has been relatively inactive for much of 1984 and isn't likely to secure his hat trick. Precious Paul Ellering guided The Road Warriors out of the NWA and into the AWA, where he will be vying for attention with Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie and Bobby Heenan. Essentially, this category is up for grabs: Jimmy Hart, Gary Hart, Jim Cornette, Sir Oliver Humperdink, Fred Blassie, Paul Jones, Gen. Skandor Akbar—all hated men, and all very capable of breaking away from the pack to win the manager of the year honors.

Four categories, and four extremely exciting and close races. And the other categories—Most Hated Wrestler of the Year, Most Improved Wrestler of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Wrestler of the Year, and Inspirational Wrestler of the Year—all demonstrate intriguing contests and dynamics of their own.

1984 has been one of the most exciting years yet in professional wrestling. When the time comes for you to vote for the year's best wrestlers, be sure your voice is heard . . . and cast your ballot wisely. □

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# NAMES MAKING

Wrestling fans from coast to coast who tuned in to Atlanta SuperStation WTBS on July 14 received quite a shock.

Instead of seeing *World Championship Wrestling* announcers **Gordon Solie** and **Ole Anderson** and such Georgia area stars as **Ted DiBiase**, **Ronnie Garvin**, **Brad Armstrong**, and **Tim Horner**, viewers saw WWF television commentator **Vince McMahon** and WWF area competitors such



GORDON SOLIE

as **George "The Animal" Steele**, **Tony Garea**, **Bobo Brazil**, **Brian Blair**, and **Terry Daniels**.

Viewers were understandably confused. Within one week, over 500 complaints were phoned in to the WTBS programming department. Letters began arriving at the offices of *Inside Wrestling* asking for an explanation of why the WWF had taken television time away from the Georgia area stars. Many of the letter writers pointed out that they already had the opportunity to see several WWF television pro-

grams over the course of a week, and didn't want to see yet another WWF production—particularly at the expense of Solie, Anderson, and the Georgia area wrestlers.

"Here in Maryland," wrote Trent Zimmerman of Frederick, Maryland, "the WWF now has three wrestling programs on Saturday and two on Sunday and one on Tuesday with an accumulation of 7½ hours of programs in three days. They have just lost another viewer, and I think I'm speaking for hundreds of other wrestling fans across the United States."

A full story on the battle for television time on WTBS between the WWF and the NWA will appear in the December issue of our sister publication *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, on sale September 25.

**Ted DiBiase** is the new National heavyweight champion, having defeated **The Spoiler** for the title on July 14. "Since Spoiler won the title, people have asked me about wrestling him for the belt," DiBiase said. "I always said that it didn't matter



TED DiBIASE

whether it was a friend, enemy, or otherwise who held the title, I would wrestle him and win the title back, and that's exactly what I did."

**The Breakdancers** are the hottest new tag team in the Florida area. As you might expect from their name, they breakdance before every match, and the fans have quickly taken to their dazzlingly dynamic style. The team is in fact **Brickhouse Brown**, who recently enjoyed success in the Mid-Atlantic area, and **Johnny Condorey**, who previously wrestled in Hawaii. They formed The Breakdancers in June, and they report that they've got their sights set on the U.S. tag team title, currently held by brothers **Hector Guerrero** and **Chavo Guerrero**.



PAUL JONES

**Paul Jones** is managing **Buzz Sawyer** in the Mid-Atlantic area . . . **Greg Gagne's** leg injury is healing well, and he reports that he's begun working out again with fellow Hi-Flyer, **Jim Brunzell**. They hope to be back in tag team action sometime in September . . . **Mike Miller** and **Mr. Eb-**

# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...

**ony** defeated the team of **Hacksaw Sawyer** and **Tom Pritchard** for the Pacific Northwest tag team title; Mr. Ebony allegedly used a loaded elbowpad on Pritchard.

**Steve "Dr. Death" Williams** is now one of the most hated men in the Mid-South area. It all came about following a televised match between **Krusher Khrushchev** and **Terry Taylor**. Williams, helping Taylor, took Khrushchev's TV medal away and put it on his own neck. Several weeks later, Taylor beat Khrushchev for the medal at the Superdome. But Khrushchev didn't have the medal—Williams still had it. Taylor asked Williams for his medal, but Williams refused to give it to him. "If you want it," Williams told Taylor, "you'll have to come and get it." It looks like Taylor is gearing up to do exactly that.

**Sweet Brown Sugar** is headed for the World Class area soon . . . **Bruiser**



SWEET BROWN SUGAR



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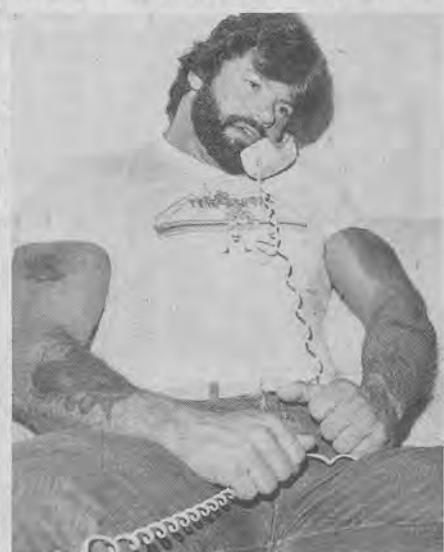
**Brody** and **Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie** were recently fined \$10,000 for interfering in a television match between **Jim Brunzell** and **Rooster Griffin** . . . **Bobby Fulton** lost a loser-leaves-town scaffold match to **Eric Embry** in Corpus Christi, Texas.



ERIC EMBRY

It appears as if **Billy Jack** has been keeping his finishing hold, the full-nelson, on his opponents for just a few seconds too long. Some might credit this to overzealousness, but others may take an extreme view and accuse Billy of being too sadistic in his application of the hold. "That's ridiculous," Billy said when we asked him about the

observation. "I just do what I have to do to win matches. I'm not out there to hurt anyone, I'm not out there to break anyone's bones, and I'm not out there to cripple anyone. But I do want to make sure that if it's a man like



BILLY JACK

**Superstar Graham**, or maybe **Kendo Nagasaki**, that he doesn't have the opportunity to get up too quickly after the match and ambush me from behind. I may be young and relatively new to the sport, but I'm not stupid!"

By the way, we would like to congratulate *Championship Wrestling From Florida* for their continued service to the public by airing missing children bulletins during their programs. There is a sense of community spirit there that is wholly admirable, and which is completely lacking from all too many wrestling programs. *Championship Wrestling From Florida* deserves a great deal of respect from the fans for their missing persons service . . . respect, and as much help in locating these children as they can get.

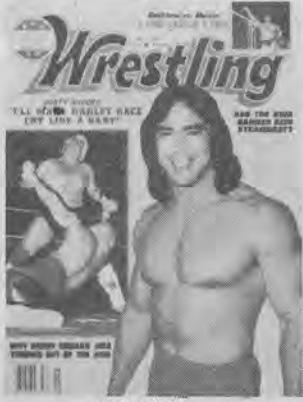
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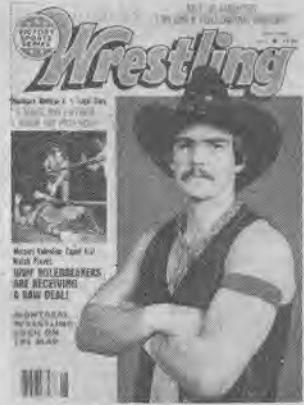
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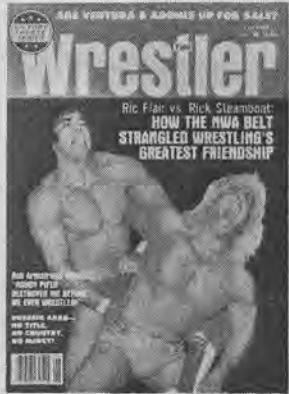
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# INSIDER

By Joseph Bua



Terry "Magnum T.A." Allen listens attentively as his former coach, Mr. Wrestling II, gives him some pointers. Hopefully, now that Wrestling II has explained why he turned "bad," he and Magnum T.A. can resume their friendship.

**A**N ADVANCE COPY of my October "Insider" column, in which I was very critical of Mr. Wrestling II, was forwarded to him. The following is Wrestling II's response. I feel it's self-explanatory.

Dear Joe and the staff of *Inside Wrestling*,

I've been out of touch with the press for a while, and after seeing the October *Insider* column, I felt that I owed you all and the fans who read the magazine an explanation of what has been going on in the last few months.

The story started last January. A young man named Terry Allen,

Magnum T.A., came to me and asked me to help him win the North American title. He came to me with the desire to be the best. What he didn't have was the knowledge to be the best.

Terry was a fast learner. He was a sponge for information. When I told him something, it stuck. Those first few weeks were like watching a flower come into full bloom. Even I was amazed at the progress T.A. made. And the reason he made that progress was that he wanted the title so badly.

There was one thing that T.A. didn't have, however. It was something I couldn't show him in

the gym, and it was something that I couldn't teach him talking man to man. What Terry didn't have was anger.

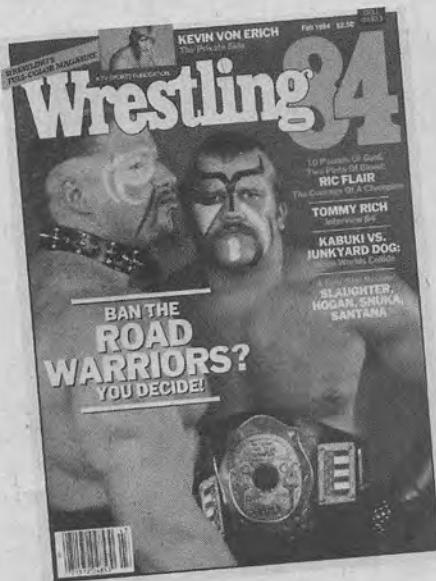
Sometimes, anger can be the most important weapon at a wrestler's disposal. It fuels you with adrenaline. It gives you that extra effort, a second wind. It makes you better than you really are. Without it, he'd always be a competent wrestler with good skills, but he'd never be the wrestler he wanted to be. He'd never be North American champion.

I wondered for a long time about what I could do to bring the anger out in Terry. One day we were in the gym working on the single-leg trip and I decided to throw a kneelift at his face as he was lunging in. I hoped that that might get him a little angry. I held back a little, but I still caught him pretty good on the side of his face. He dropped down to the mat and rolled over to look up at me.

I looked down and I said, "Well?" He didn't say anything at first, and then he said something about being clumsy. He thought he had hit *his* face into *my* knee. I asked him if he ever considered that I might have done it on purpose, and he said, "I trust you, II. You wouldn't do something like that." I'll never forget that, because it was then that I figured out what I had to do to make Magnum T.A. North American  
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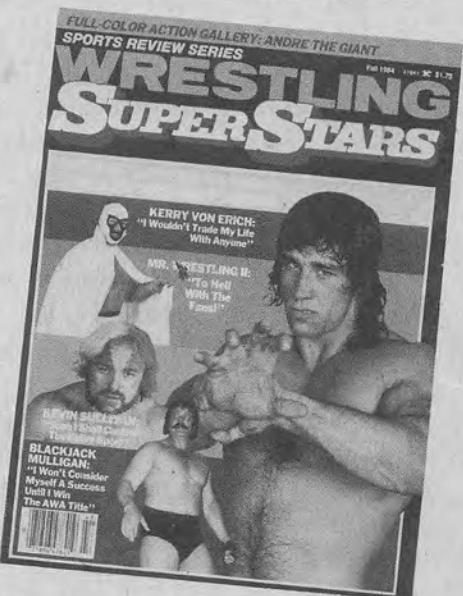
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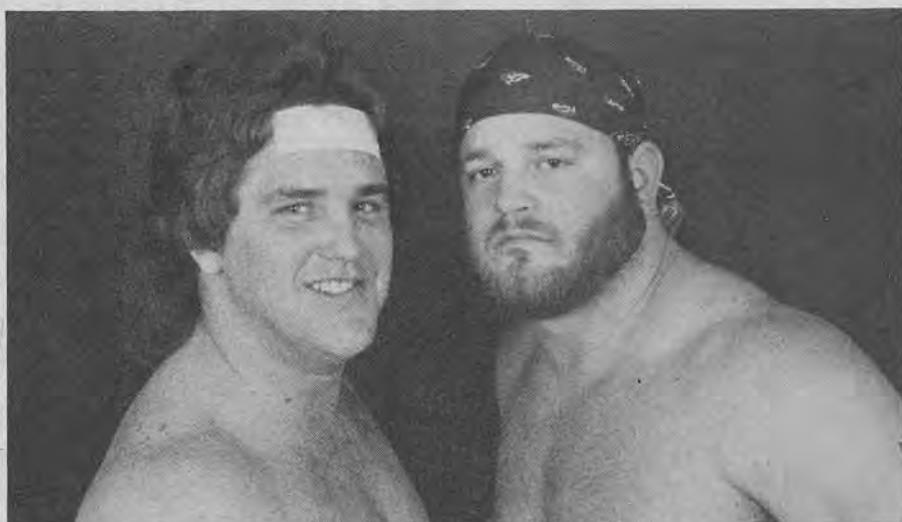
By Dan Shocket

NO MAN HAS suffered more at the hands of wrestling's fans than Buzz Sawyer. As we examine the scattered remnants of his once flourishing career, it should serve as a lesson to all professional athletes on the dangers of selling your souls for cheers. Today, Sawyer is bravely trying to get his life back into some order. It's a courageous quest by a man who refuses to stay beaten or broken.

As almost everyone knows, a little more than a year ago Sawyer was one of the top wrestlers in the Georgia area. Though the fans despised him, he was recognized as the most fearsome competitor the area had ever seen. Then, when he was at the height of his fame and abilities, it all came crashing down upon him.

Family pressure in the form of his brother, a mediocre wrestler favored by the fans, forced Buzz to go against his best instincts. He turned his back on what he knew best and tried to curry the favor of the fans. It appeared to work for a few months, but the appearance hid a raging turmoil inside the man. Almost no one noticed Buzz could no longer go for the kill, come up with the big move when he needed it. Buzz noticed. And it tore him apart.

Unable to change or comprehend what was happening, Sawyer began one of wrestling's oddest journeys. He wandered south and fell under the spell of Satanist Kevin Sullivan. This arrangement gave Sawyer back his competitive edge, though the union didn't



Compare these two photos: Posing with his brother, Brett, in Atlanta, Buzz looks so unfulfilled (above). Bleeding with Kevin Sullivan in Florida, Sawyer is obviously a much happier man (below).



last. Buzz then journeyed north and signed a contract with manager Lou Albano. Once again Buzz flourished from the boos of ignorant fans. Still, he couldn't stay. Like a moth to a flame, Buzz was drawn back to the NWA. That's where it all started, be-

came glorious, and then fell apart. If he was going to get his life on an even keel once again, he had to wrestle before NWA fans. And he had to wrestle as a man despised by those fans.

Most wrestlers who had undergone  
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## WICHITA, KS

By Larry Easley



**RIC FLAIR**  
vs.  
**HARLEY RACE**



Race, attempting to win the NWA title an eighth time, delivered a piledriver and then attempted his falling headbutt, but Flair moved out of the way. Flair slammed Race's head into the ringpost, opening a cut. Race regained the advantage and had Flair pinned for the three-count, but the referee noticed that Flair's foot was on the rope. Flair surprised Race with a charge, but Race ducked and threw Flair over the top rope. Race lost by disqualification.

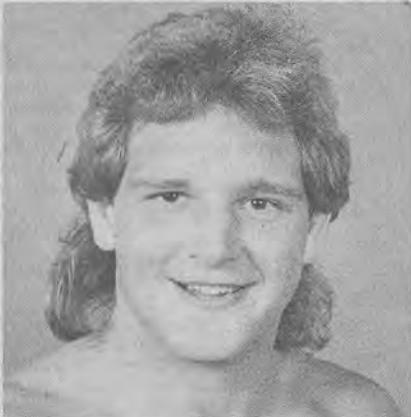
**OTHER BOUTS:** Tommy Rogers and Marty Jannetty drew with The Grapplers ... Rufus R. Jones beat Crusher Blackwell by disqualification ... Ted Oates beat Tom Ivy ... Art Crews defeated Rocky Cole.

## TEMPLE, TX

By Jim Gentry



**ERIC EMBRY**  
vs.  
**BOBBY FULTON**

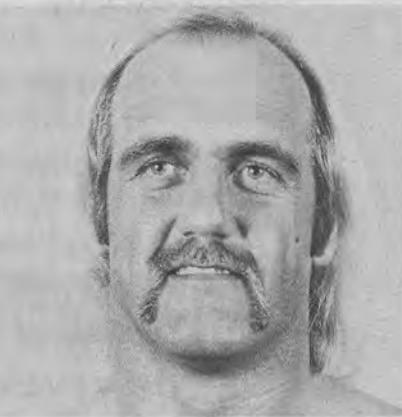


Fan favorite Fulton defended his U.S. junior heavyweight belt against former champ Embry. Embry punched and gouged his way to an early advantage, but Fulton retaliated in kind. The momentum seesawed between the two. Embry rocked Fulton with a series of suplexes. Fulton returned with a series of pinning combinations, using a sunset flip, a rolling reverse cradle, and a back-slide. Embry's experience showed, however, as he kicked out at the two-count each time. One more suplex won the bout and the title for Embry.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Killer Brooks beat Bobby Jaggers ... Carlos Colon and Al Perez defeated The Shepherds ... Manuel Villalobos beat Juan Reynosa.

## BOSTON, MA

By Jeffrey Campbell



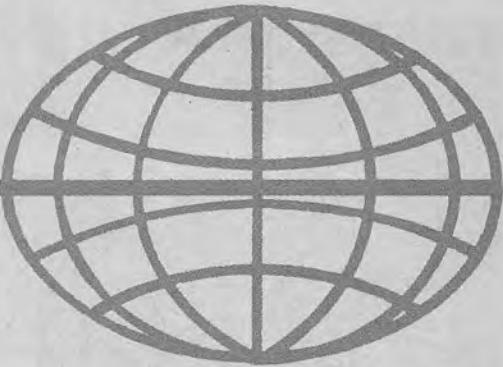
**HULK HOGAN**  
vs.  
**PAUL ORNDORFF**



"Hulkmania" reigned supreme in the Boston Garden. Hogan took the early advantage. Orndorff used an eye rake to steal the WWF champ's momentum. "Mr. Wonderful" kicked, punched, and gouged Hogan, hit him with a chair, and executed a piledriver against the 320-pound champ. Hogan blocked Orndorff's second piledriver attempt and flipped the challenger. Later, Orndorff, climbed to the top turnbuckle, but Hogan moved as Orndorff landed on the canvas. Hogan delivered a legdrop and covered Orndorff for the pin.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Roddy Piper beat Jimmy Snuka by disqualification ... Ivan Putski beat George Steele by disqualification ... Brian Blair drew with Adrian Adonis.

# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## NASHVILLE, TN By Tracy Byers



RICK RUDE  
VS.  
JERRY LAWLER



As Rude distracted referee Paul Morton, Rude's ally, Jim Neidhardt, pounded Lawler. Rude came out of the ring and slammed Lawler into the ringpost and a ringside table. Lawler beat the 10-count back into the ring and then kicked out of Rude's cover. Lawler came back and attempted a pin. When Neidhardt ran into the ring and attacked Lawler, Rude was disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Phil Hickerson and Mid-Southern Spoiler beat Tommy Rich and Eddie Gilbert ... Masao Ito defeated Austin Idol ... Dutch Mantel and Porkchop Cash drew with Koko Ware and Norvell Austin.

## BATON ROUGE, LA By Walter Clarkston



JUNKYARD DOG  
VS.  
ERNIE LADD



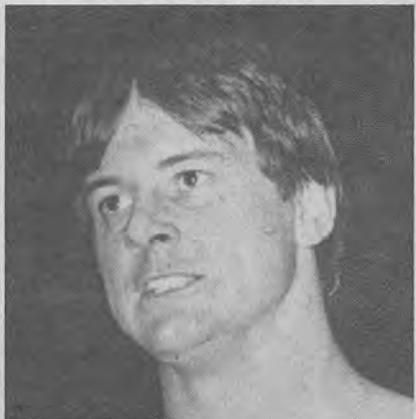
JYD challenged Ladd to a dog collar chain match. Dog, an expert at this kind of match, quickly dragged the giant Ladd to the mat. JYD wrapped the chain around his fist and punched Ladd bloody. JYD took the collar off his neck and placed it around the ringpost. Ladd, blinded by his own blood, pulled at the chain, thinking it was still attached to JYD. The Dog attacked Ladd from behind and won the match.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Magnum T.A. beat Mr. Wrestling III ... Midnight Express beat Terry Taylor and Hacksaw Duggan ... Butch Reed beat Sonny King ... Steve Williams beat Rick McCord.

## EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ By Johnny Kingman



JIMMY SNUKA  
VS.  
RODDY PIPER



Piper slammed Snuka with a chair and then rammed the "Superfly's" head into the ringpost. Snuka, prompted by the crowd, rallied back. He floored Piper with forearm smashes and climbed to the top rope for the superfly leap. Piper rolled out of the ring, but Snuka ran to the other side of the ring, climbed the ropes again, and leaped onto Piper outside the ring. The referee counted both men out. Angered, Snuka headbutted the referee, who then changed his decision and gave the match to Piper by disqualification.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant beat John Studd, Dick Murdoch, and Adrian Adonis ... Paul Orndorff beat Brian Blair ... The Samoans beat Tiger Chung Lee and Mr. Fuji.



# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

**TAMPA, FL:** I heard veteran commentator Gordon Solie say, "Kevin Sullivan, it appears, has slipped even further over the edge." That's like saying that Michael Jackson has sold a lot of albums. It doesn't even begin to describe the magnitude of how bizarre Sullivan's life is becoming, nor how it's affecting the Florida wrestling scene. I mean, even Sullivan's ring entrance is permeated by a strangeness that has got to be seen to be believed. Here's what I saw recently at the Eddie Graham Sports Complex: Two bizarre individuals, who I had *never* seen before, led the procession, clad in black shrouds and with ghostly faces as white as chalk. They were followed by Sir Oliver Humperdink, who was followed by Sullivan and a girl I had also never seen before. The girl looked like something out of the movie *Conan The Destroyer*, and she was being led on by Sullivan with a chain around her neck. Oh, I left something out:

These two strange men and the woman all had boa constrictor snakes around their shoulders. When Sullivan reached the ring, he lay flat on his back and the three snake bearers placed the boas on Sullivan's chest. Some bizarre sort of satanic ritual, I presume. All I know for sure is that Kevin Sullivan gets weirder all the time.

**NEW YORK, NY:** Fabulous Moolah whips Wendi Richter into the turnbuckles, Moolah comes in from behind, grabs Wendi's waist, and rolls backward into a cradle. Both wrestlers' shoulders are to the mat, with Wendi's back pressing Moolah's shoulders to the canvas, and Moolah's arms pushing Wendi's shoulders to the mat. At the 2½-count, Wendi lifts her shoulder off the mat and Moolah fails to bridge. And with that, the 27-year title reign of The Fabulous Moolah comes to an end. It's kind of sad,



KEVIN SULLIVAN, HIS FOLLOWERS, & SNAKES

# **Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**

really. Moolah was a victim. She was caught in the middle of a totally and thoroughly senseless feud between Capt. Lou Albano and rock star Cyndi Lauper. Cyndi was coaching Wendi for this Madison Square Garden match, and Moolah was being coached by Albano. I don't even want to start writing about my thoughts regarding Lauper's involvement in this whole thing. But I still can't believe it: Moolah's 27-year title reign has finally come to an end. Amazing. And I recommend you turn to Stu Saks' "Behind The Dressing Room Door" for a good piece on Moolah's title reign.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN:** The Road Warriors are here. And according to Precious Paul Ellering, they'll have beaten AWA World tag team champions Crusher and Baron Von Raschke by the time Labor Day rolls around—which means about a week before this magazine hits the newsstands, if I'm any judge of publishing schedules. I recently had the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with my old friend, Crusher, to see what he thought about the Warriors. "If you ask me, Matt, and you did," Crusher said, "I'd say that the Warriors' bark is a lot worse than their bite. Me and the Baron aren't worried. We've got experience on our side, and that counts for a lot more than Hawk and Animal could ever realize." I don't want to sound like an alarmist, but I've gotta say that I could detect just a hint of uncertainty in Crusher's voice. I think they'd better watch out for the Warriors' bite, too.

**DALLAS, TX:** I'm amazed that World Class wrestling officials haven't done anything about Terry Gordy and Killer Khan yet. Now I've got to admit, the World Class officials have been crackerjack as far as the situation regarding the six-man title is concerned. I know that it's been held up twice, but both times were because the officials reviewed films of the matches and determined that the title changes weren't legitimate. Now frankly, I'm a purist, and I think that just like in baseball, instant replays shouldn't be taken into account. After all, the decision of the referee or the umpire or whoever should remain final. But the World Class folks are going to use replays, and I give them credit for catching two

unfair title changes in a row. Now, if they're going to be so tight on the six-man title, why don't they do something about the use of the Oriental spike by Gordy and Khan?

**PENSACOLA, FL:** I know, I know. I see the mail too, you know. And let me tell you something: The editors here are already going mad trying to find the space to fit in all the top news about what's going on in the wrestling world, and then there are all you fans screaming for Southeast area stories and rat-



**AUSTIN IDOL**

ings. Now, there are some things in the works that I'm not at liberty to discuss here and now. But what I can say is that the Southeast area is beginning to heat up like spit on a griddle. Just check it out: Austin Idol is back, and Mr. Wrestling II is headed for the area. Bob Armstrong is feuding with Ron Fuller, the Tonga Kid is teaming with Scott Armstrong, Arn Anderson is teaming with Jerry Stubbs, and Boris Zurkhov, Johnny Rich, Rick McGraw, and many others are here as well. "Excitement plus" as Steve Medwid would say, and I advise all fans of Southeast area wrestling—or any of the above-named wrestlers—to keep an eye on future issues for more news. □

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Do you have a favorite wrestler who has left your area? Are you wondering where he is today? Then this special column is just for you. Each month, we will update the whereabouts of four current or former wrestlers.

## DORY FUNK JR.

Funk, whose name had not been seen in results for several months, has emerged in Florida, where he has immediately become the center of controversy. On a televised card, Billy Jack expressed a desire to be introduced to the former NWA champ, claiming Funk was "the best athlete ever to come from West Texas State University . . . besides Dusty Rhodes." Funk, taking exception to being rated behind Dusty, slapped Billy in the face, touching off a feud.

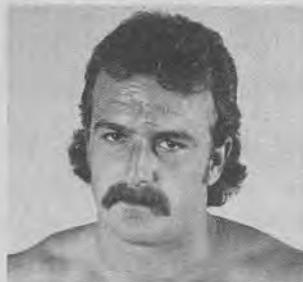


## JIM GARVIN

After dropping a loser leave town tag team match to Chris Adams and Stella Mae (along with his own partner and valet, Precious), Gorgeous Jim Garvin has begun wrestling in Hawaii. He also has plans for a major tour of Japan. Garvin says he has been setting up meetings with AWA officials to discuss contracts for wrestling there in the near future.

## JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS

Following his feud with Ronnie "Hands of Stone" Garvin, Jake Roberts has decided to leave the Georgia area for a number of reasons, "none of which I feel I have to explain to the press or to the idiot fans." Roberts says that he is considering a number of offers, but is likely to begin wrestling in the World Class area before long.



## IZZY SLAPOWITZ

Izzy going to wrestle again or isn't he? Right now it appears that he will not. Frustrated by his inability to gain main event status in Toronto and the Midwest, Slapowitz informed *Inside Wrestling* in an airmail letter that he would be spending the next few years on a kibbutz outside of Tel Aviv, Israel.

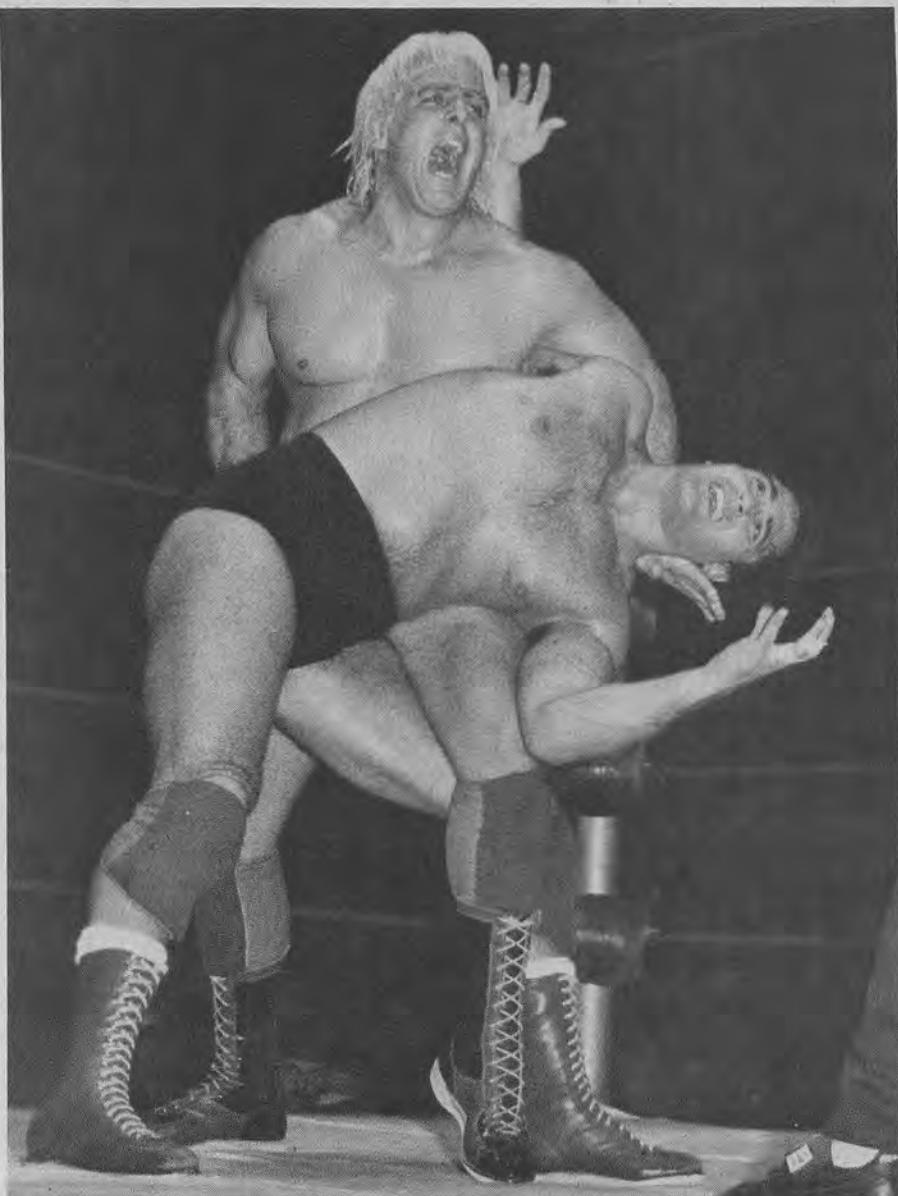
# INSIDE WRESTLING

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## CAPSULE PROFILE

**V**OTED THE GREATEST active wrestler today by the editors of *Inside Wrestling*, and awarded the honor of appearing in the centennial edition of "Capsule Profile" ("An obvious choice, for I have proven my excellence time and time again by virtue of my three NWA World title reigns") ... Captured his first NWA World title by defeating Dusty Rhodes in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 17, 1981 ("That was the day that Ric Flair, and the rest of the wrestling world finally came of age") ... Held the title for nearly two years before losing it to Harley Race on June 10, 1983, in St. Louis ("I've got to give Race credit where it's due—he was psyched up beyond belief to capture a record eighth NWA title") ... Regained the belt from Race inside the steel cage on Thanksgiving day in Greensboro, North Carolina, on the historic "Starcade '83" card ("That was the first time the title ever changed hands inside a steel cage, daddy, and it's only fitting that I was the man to once again make NWA history") ... Was defeated by Kerry Von Erich in Texas Stadium on May 6, 1984, but regained the belt less than three weeks later in Yokosuka City, Japan, on May 24, to begin his third NWA title reign ("You know what they say, daddy, the third

## RIC FLAIR

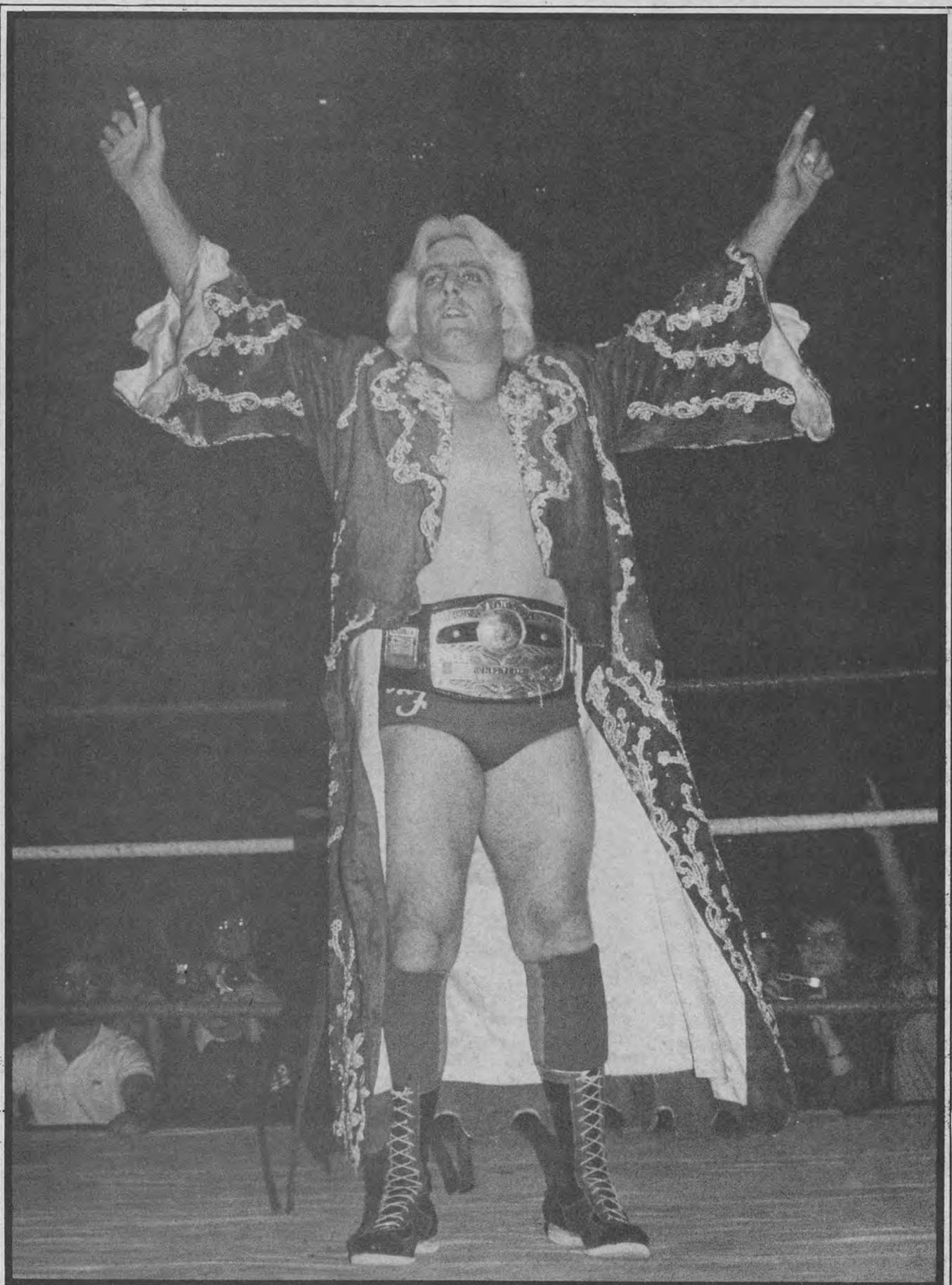


NWA World champion Ric Flair applies an abdominal stretch on Mike Rotundo. Flair, "Capsule Profile" number 100, was named the "Greatest Active Wrestler" by the editors of *Inside Wrestling*.

time is the charm, and this third title reign is going to be the greatest for me, and for all of wrestling!") ... Has defended the NWA belt in every major arena in the United States and around the world ("There isn't another wrestler in the sport today who can match the kind of a title defense schedule that I maintain") ... Enjoys living life in the fast lane ("As the best wrestler in the world today, I deserve

nothing but the best: the best food, the best cars, the best champagne, and the best women") ... Also enjoys flaunting the NWA World title ("This 10 pounds of gold is the greatest award in professional wrestling. The man who holds the NWA World belt is recognized around the world as the best wrestler in the sport, and that man is none other than Ric Flair, daddy. Whooo!") □

# CAPSULE PROFILE PINUP



**RIC FLAIR**

# Exclusive Coverage:

Photos by  
Floyd See

The Road Warriors are set to do battle against NWA World tag team champions Don Kernodle and Ivan Koloff (inset).



## THE ROAD WARRIORS' FINAL SHOT AT THE NWA TAG TEAM TITLE

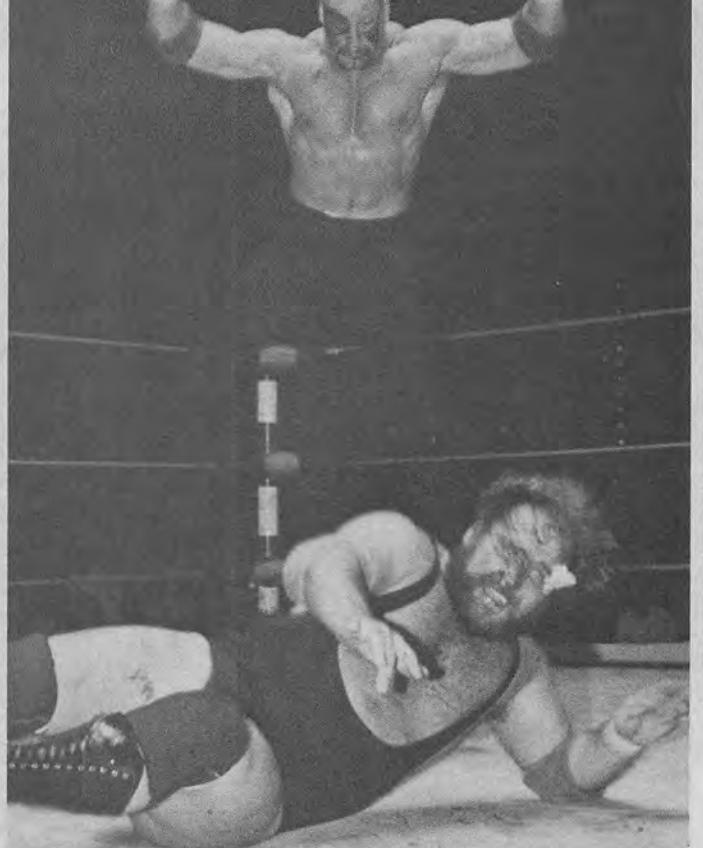
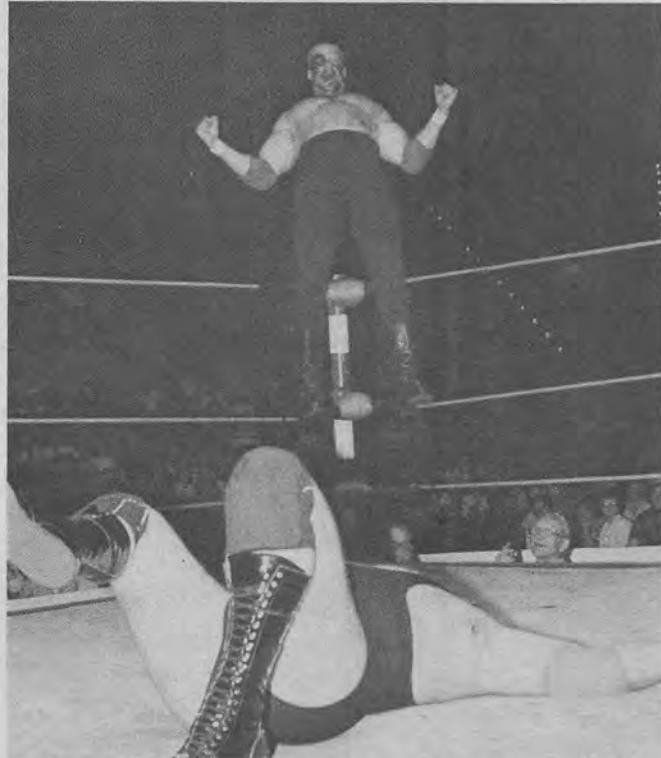
*In the face of a potential ban by NWA commissioners and officials, The Road Warriors made a play for what many people consider the greatest tag team prize in all of wrestling: the NWA World tag team belts. They came close to defeating champions Ivan Koloff and Don Kernodle, but they'll never receive the rematch that could bring them the belts. This story explains why*

ROAD WARRIOR HAWK positioned himself atop the middle rope in one corner of the ring. Flexing his biceps, he thrust his elbows behind him, expanded his muscular chest, stuck his tongue

far out of his mouth, and let out a gutteral snarl that seemed to emanate from the very bowels of his soul.

Don Kernodle lay bleeding on the mat below him. Victory

seemed within The Road Warriors' grasp. In a matter of seconds, Hawk could pin Kernodle's shoulders to the mat and capture the NWA World tag team belts for him and for his partner, Road



Road Warrior Hawk, anticipating victory, proudly stands atop the middle turnbuckle (above). Something he didn't anticipate was Don Kernodle rolling out of his path (right).

#### Warrior Animal.

Hawk hurled himself into the air for a flying body press, but Kernodle was apparently playing possum. He rolled out of the way, and Hawk crashed to the mat, absorbing the impact of his collision with the canvas on his knees.

Oddly enough, Road Warrior manager Paul Ellering was not at ringside for this match. If he had been, he would have been frantic with frustration and anger.

Hawk was stunned. And on the ring apron, Animal was going wild. He entered the ring to help his partner, just as Ivan Koloff ran into the ring to help Kernodle.

Kernodle and Koloff double-teamed Animal as Hawk struggled to regain his senses. Once Hawk had done so, a four-way brawl ensued. Chaos ruled as the ring became a frenzied blur of forearm smashes, bodyslams, and closed-fist punches.

The referee, who had lost complete control of the match, signaled the timekeeper. The bell rang several times as the fans cheered the Warriors. Finally, or-



Hawk effortlessly scoops Kernodle off the canvas and slams him to the mat. The Road Warriors' awesome strength made them the prematch favorites in this match.

der was restored and the referee handed down the final decision: double-disqualification.

The Roanoke, Virginia, fans, clearly partial to the Warriors,

booed the decision. The Warriors were angry. Koloff and Kernodle smiled at each other, took their belts, and returned to their dressing room.

Most ringside observers felt that the champions were lucky to have emerged from the match with their belts. Hawk and Animal had the edge as far as raw strength and energy are concerned, and the fans were overwhelmingly on their side.

Under ordinary conditions, this title match wouldn't attract any special attention. But looking back on that particular evening, there remain several unanswered questions:

- Why wasn't Ellering at ringside for this most important title match?
- Why didn't the Warriors receive a rematch following the double-DQ decision?
- What effect did an impending ban on the Warriors by the NWA (reported extensively in the September 1984 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* and the Fall 1984 issue of *Wrestling 84*) have on



Koloff's weighted boots pound against the side of Animal's head (above). Animal's armlock draws an agonizing cry from Kernodle (right).



Hawk and Animal as they wrestled for the NWA World tag team belts?

• Why did Ellering take the Warriors to the AWA shortly after this match?

*Inside Wrestling* contacted Precious Paul Ellering for some answers.

"I don't see why I should continue to be the object of incessant hounding by your staff of clearly substandard reporters," Ellering told us. "The affairs of The Legion of Doom are for me to know and for no one else to find out, and the only thing I have to answer to is the bottom line of my quarterly financial statement."

Despite Ellering's insistence on remaining quiet on this subject, or perhaps because of his silence, a great deal of speculation has arisen regarding the questions posed above.

Indeed, many close followers of the activities of The Legion of Doom believe that Ellering was traveling throughout the AWA territory at the time of the match, working on contracts to bring his Road Warriors to that area.



As Hawk reaches back to throw a right hand at Kernodle, he hears an unfamiliar sound: the unanimous support of the fans!

Because of his knowledge that the Warriors would soon be moving from the NWA to the AWA, he didn't bother negotiating a rematch clause in the Warriors' contract to wrestle Koloff and Kernodle.

But then the next question logically follows: If these assumptions

are true, why did Ellering scramble so quickly to bring the Warriors into the AWA?

Ellering has already stated elsewhere that "The Legion of Doom has bigger fish to fry," referring to his refusal to allow the Warriors to wrestle in a rematch for the Na-

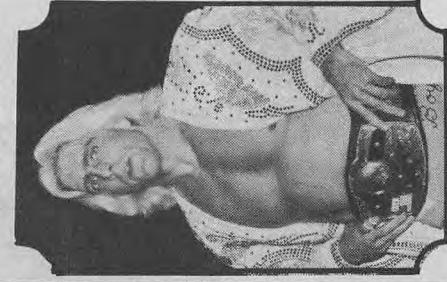
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# INSIDE WRESTLING'S TOP 15

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters,  
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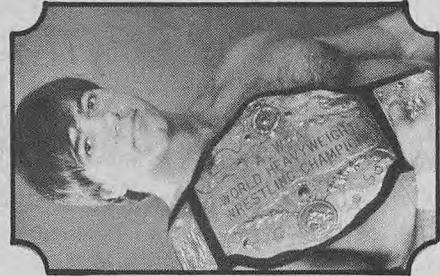
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## National Wrestling Alliance



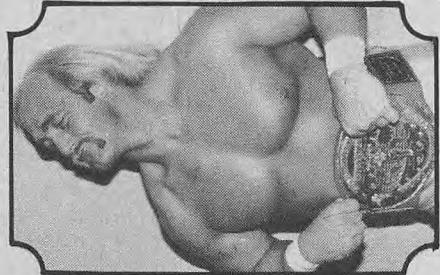
*World Champion:*  
**RIC FLAIR**  
243, Minneapolis, MN

## American Wrestling Association



*World Champion:*  
**RICK MARTEL**  
236, Quebec City, Quebec

## World Wrestling Federation



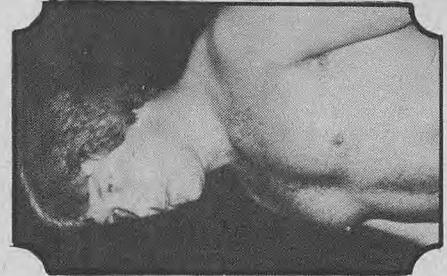
*Champion:*  
**HULK HOGAN**  
320, Venice Beach, CA

## Most Popular Wrestlers



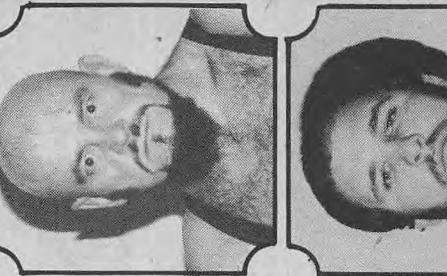
**1—DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX

## Most Hated Wrestlers



**1—TED DiBIASE**  
247, Omaha, NE

## Tag Teams



**1—IVAN KOLOFF & DON KERNODE**



**2—TULLY BLANCHARD**  
235, San Antonio, TX

**2—ANDRE THE GIANT**  
497, Grenoble, France

**1—TITO SANTANA**  
245, Mission, TX

**1—NICK BOCKWINDEL**  
245, Beverly Hills, CA

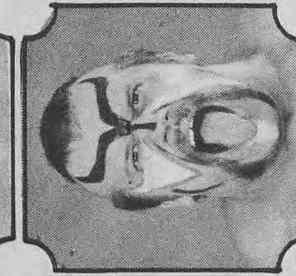
**1—WAHOO McDALE**  
260, Midland, TX



**2—BARON VON  
RASCHKE & CRUSHER**



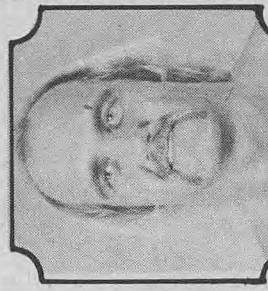
**3—KEVIN SULLIVAN**  
235, Boston, MA



**4—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER**  
360, Sudan



**3—JIMMY VALIANT**  
251, New York, NY



**4—HULK HOGAN**  
320, Venice Beach, CA



**3—THE ROAD  
WARRIOR**

**5—BRUISER BRODY**  
284, Albuquerque, NM



**2—GREG VALENTINE**  
243, Seattle, WA



**3—JIMMY SNUKA**  
250, Fiji Islands



**5—RICK MARTEL**  
236, Quebec City, Quebec

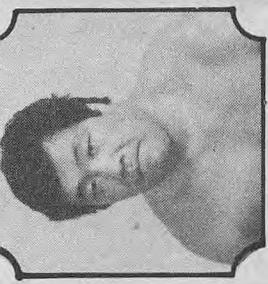
**6—KERRY VON ERICH**  
251, Denton, TX

**7—SGT. SLAUGHTER**  
310, Parrish Island, SC

**8—BILLY JACK**  
245, Portland, OR

**9—RICK STEAMBOAT**  
238, Honolulu, HI

**10—KEVIN VON ERICH**  
254, Denton, TX



**2—JUMBO TSURUTA**  
240, Tokyo, Japan



**3—BRUISER BRODY**  
284, Albuquerque, NM



**4—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER**  
360, Sudan

**5—STEVE KEIRN**  
240, Tampa, FL

**6—STAN LANE**  
239, Del Ray, FL

**7—JERRY LAWLER**  
240, Pittsburgh, PA

**8—GREG GAGNE**  
220, Robbinsdale, MN

**9—JIM BRUNZELL**  
225, Minneapolis, MN

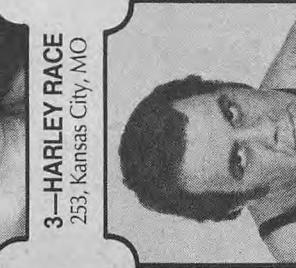
**10—TONY ATLAS**  
247, Roanoke, VA



**2—TED DiBIASE**  
247, Omaha, NE



**3—HARLEY RACE**  
253, Kansas City, MO



**4—ANGELO MOSCA**  
309, Caledon, Ontario

**5—KERRY VON ERICH**  
251, Denton, TX

**6—ANGELO MOSCA JR.**  
234, Caledon, Ontario

**7—SCOTT McGHEE**  
220, Shipton, England

**8—CARLOS COLON**  
238, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico

**9—GINO HERNANDEZ**  
224, Houston, TX

**10—DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX

**4—DICK MURDOCH &  
ADRIAN ADONIS**

**5—BARRY WINDHAM &  
MIKE ROTUNDO**

**6—ICEMAN PARSONS &  
BUCK ZUMHOFE**

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STAN LANE**

**8—RONNIE GARVIN &  
JERRY OATES**

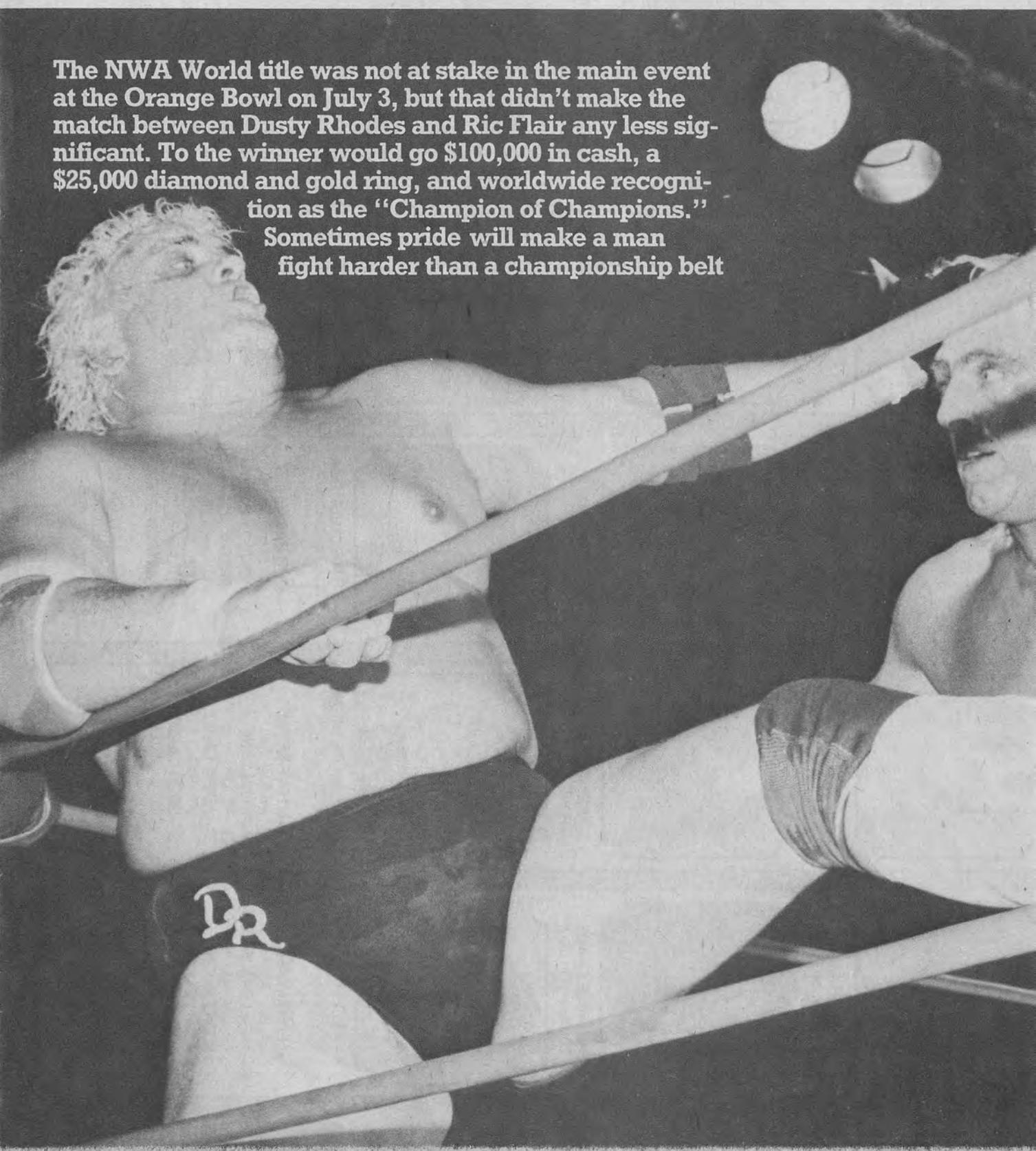
**9—DENNIS CONDREY &  
BOBBY EATON**

**10—HECTOR & CHAVO  
GUERRERO**

# DUSTY RHODES,

The NWA World title was not at stake in the main event at the Orange Bowl on July 3, but that didn't make the match between Dusty Rhodes and Ric Flair any less significant. To the winner would go \$100,000 in cash, a \$25,000 diamond and gold ring, and worldwide recognition as the "Champion of Champions."

Sometimes pride will make a man  
fight harder than a championship belt



# CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ... AND STILL THE LORD OF THE RING

Photos by Bill Apter & Paul Bauman

By Bill Apter

DUSTY RHODES ARRIVED at his dressing room nearly two hours prior to the start of the first match on the historic July 3 wrestling card in Miami's Orange Bowl stadium.

Dubbed "Lords of the Ring," the card's main event would pit "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes against NWA World champion Ric Flair. The NWA belt was not at stake, but the winner would receive \$100,000 in cash and a \$25,000 "Champion of Champions" diamond and gold ring.

"I gotta tell you, Billy brother, that this here is the best way to get psyched up for a big match," Dusty told me. "I come early, you see, and I hang out by that entranceway to the ring. I can see the people coming into the stadium, and I can hear the sound of

the crowd as it grows larger and larger every minute.

"It's like a musical crescendo, you hear what I'm saying?" Dusty continued. "First the stadium is empty. Then the fans start to come in, and down here in Florida, daddy, these are *my* fans, you know. And the rumble of the crowd gets a little louder all the time. There's anticipation in the air, daddy, they're waiting for action.

"Then the first match is up and the fans go wild, and they go wilder with each match that follows. They're waiting to see 'The Dream,' Billy boy, they're waiting for the main event. And when I hit the ring, that's the peak of the crescendo. The fans are psyched, I'm psyched, and there's no way I can possibly lose. We're all out there working together, me and my fans. And today, they're gonna help me

Rhodes lifts his leg, adding force to his right hand (left). Dusty is disqualified in the first fall for flipping Flair over the top rope (below).





win this big one against Ric Flair. When all the dust settles, it's gonna be yours truly wearing that gold and diamond ring."

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Ric Flair arrived at the Orange Bowl only minutes before the first match was scheduled to begin. He appeared to be cocky, arrogant, and extremely sure of himself. I remember thinking at the time that he was more sure of himself than I'd ever seen before.

I also remember thinking that being *too* sure of yourself is a very dangerous way to step into the ring for an important match.

"My first NWA title reign started when I defeated Rhodes," Flair sneered, "and I'm not worried at all about defeating him here tonight. In fact, with my NWA belt not on the line in this match, I can go all out without any fear of error. Rhodes is in trouble, that's for certain."

"My three NWA World title reigns have already proven that I am the one and only champion of champions," Flair said, "but tonight's the night I prove it to all these Florida fans. They know excellence when they see it, these

Rhodes repeatedly slams Flair's head against the turnbuckles, opening a gash (above). Flair unsuccessfully tries to lift Dusty to escape a headlock (below).



fans, and they know that Ric Flair is excellence plus!"

"In fact," Flair said confidently, "I predict that this match won't even go to a third fall!"

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In the few seconds respite prior to the bell signaling the start of the third and deciding fall, Ric Flair

was struggling to regain his composure.

Flair had won the first fall at the 18:01 mark when Dusty threw him over the top rope, but "The American Dream" had come back with a vengeance in the second fall, winning in one minute flat with an astonishingly powerful series of bionic elbowsmashes.

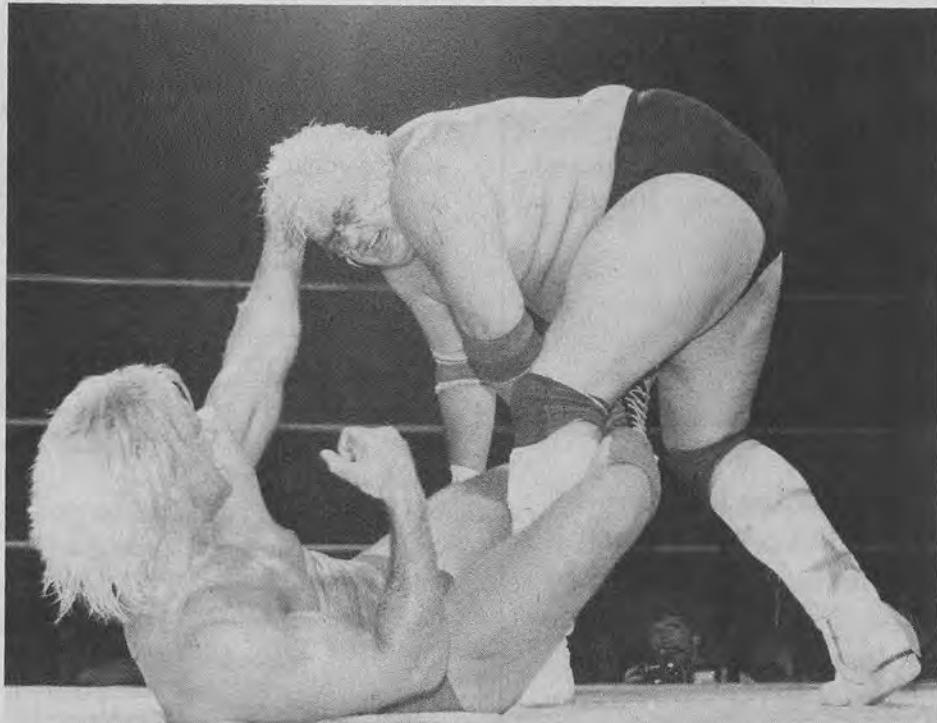
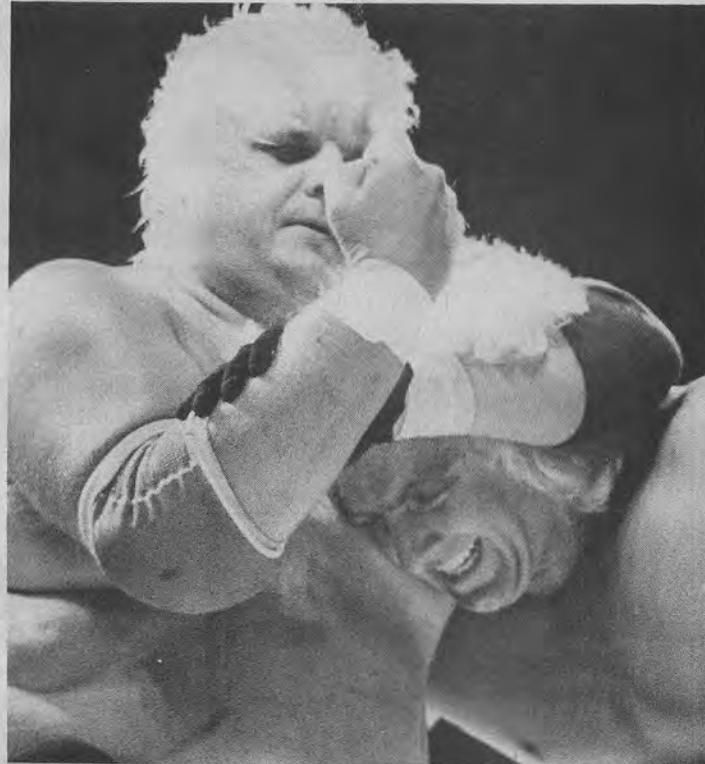
There was a look of frantic determination on Flair's face as the third fall began, and as the opening seconds stretched into the opening minutes, one could clearly see that Flair was afraid of losing.

The tens of thousands of fans in the Orange Bowl wholeheartedly supported Dusty, and every smash to Flair's head and body, every elbow to Flair's ribs, every kick to Flair's legs, was greeted with uproarious cheers.

At the 8:02 mark, Dusty moved in for a pin attempt. At the 8:05 mark, the referee's hand slapped the mat a third time. Dusty Rhodes had pinned the NWA World champion.

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"This is the icing on the cake, daddy, the cream in the coffee! I



can do a lot with \$100,000, and this gold and diamond ring is almost as pretty as I am!"

Dusty, wearing the \$25,000 "Champion of Champions" ring, laughed heartily and often during the postmatch press conference.

"I gotta make sure I thank all the fans who cheered for me out there," Dusty said. "They were the ones who really made it happen. Their support helped 'The Dream'

realize the dream, you know what I mean? It's only too bad that the NWA title wasn't at stake, too, 'cause that would have sounded mighty pretty: 'Three-time NWA World champion Dusty Rhodes.' Well, that'll happen soon enough, people, soon enough. You hear that Flair? Hahaha!"

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"Do you know what \$100,000 means to me?" Flair asked rhetori-

Flair (above left) and Rhodes (left) exchange figure-four leglock attempts. Applying a headlock, Dusty clenches the hand that would soon be wearing the "Champion of Champions" ring (above).

cally. "Nothing! Pocket change! I spend that much on dinners, limos, and tips during an average weekend of partying.

"And as far as that so-called 'Champion of Champions' ring goes, I have jewelry that puts that ring to shame. I have rings and watches worth five times that much.

"And now Dusty is going to go around calling himself the 'Champion of Champions'? That's a laugh! He might have won one match, one *non-title* match, but that's all. I've lost non-title matches before, but when the big one is on the line I always come out on top. A rematch is in order, and only after Rhodes can beat me for the NWA World belt will he truly be able to call himself the 'Champion of Champions.'

"But," Flair said with a grin, "he'll never beat me. Never. And that makes me, the NWA World champion, the greatest athlete in all of professional sport, the *true* champion of champions." □

# HOTSEAT

## GINO HERNANDEZ

### "SUCCESS HASN'T SPOILED ME"

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CRAIG PETERS

FANS WHO HAVE followed Gino Hernandez' career since his debut in the mid-1970s might have been baffled for much of the last year.

Following a bitter feud in the Southwest area with Tully Blanchard back in the summer of 1983, Hernandez disappeared completely from the wrestling scene. There were rumors that he had surfaced in Hollywood where he was seeking a career in film and television, but nobody knew for sure where he was or what he was doing.

But the summer of 1984 saw Hernandez burst back on the professional wrestling scene with unprecedented success. He quickly captured the World Class American title from Gorgeous Jim Garvin, and shortly thereafter won a tournament for the vacant World Class Texas heavyweight title, defeating NWA World champion Ric Flair in the final round for the belt.

Hernandez currently holds and defends both titles throughout the World Class area.

Associate Editor Craig Peters recently spoke with Hernandez at his home in Houston.

Q: This is something of a rarity, isn't it, Gino? I mean, the fact that you have both the Texas title and the American title is . . .

A: Two things right off the bat, Peters. First of all, it's not "Gino," it's "Gorgeous Gino." Either that, or "Mr. Hernandez," got it?

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Q: You haven't changed a bit from your days in the Southwest area.

A: Wrong again. I have changed. I've gotten better. But the second thing I want to point out is that my holding both World Class titles is not a rarity, it's a unique occurrence. One of a kind. Never before in World Class wrestling history has any man captured both the

Texas and the American titles in so short a time. My title victories demonstrate very simply that I am the greatest wrestler in the sport today.

Q: Are you including NWA World champion Ric Flair in that group?

A: Ric Flair included! Hey—I pinned Flair in the final round of the tournament to win the World Class Texas belt, and . . .

Q: Now wait a second, you can hardly claim that your victory over Flair was anything even remotely resembling fair.

A: I deserved that victory, and I deserve the title.

Q: You mean because of the fact that you lost the first round of the tournament?

A: Now wait a second, Peters, I destroyed Kerry in that match. He was such a mess, he was bleeding so heavily that the doctor told him not to bother competing in the next round of the tournament. That sounds to me like he lost the match, wouldn't you say?

Q: But the official decision . . .

A: The official decision was that I





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would go on to wrestle Flair for the vacant Texas belt.

**Q:** Okay, let's talk about that.

**A:** Why don't we talk about how I pinned the NWA World heavyweight champion? Why don't we talk about how I deserve a title shot with Flair and about how I'll pin him again to win the World belt?

**Q:** Why don't we talk about how Flair was unconscious when you pinned him?

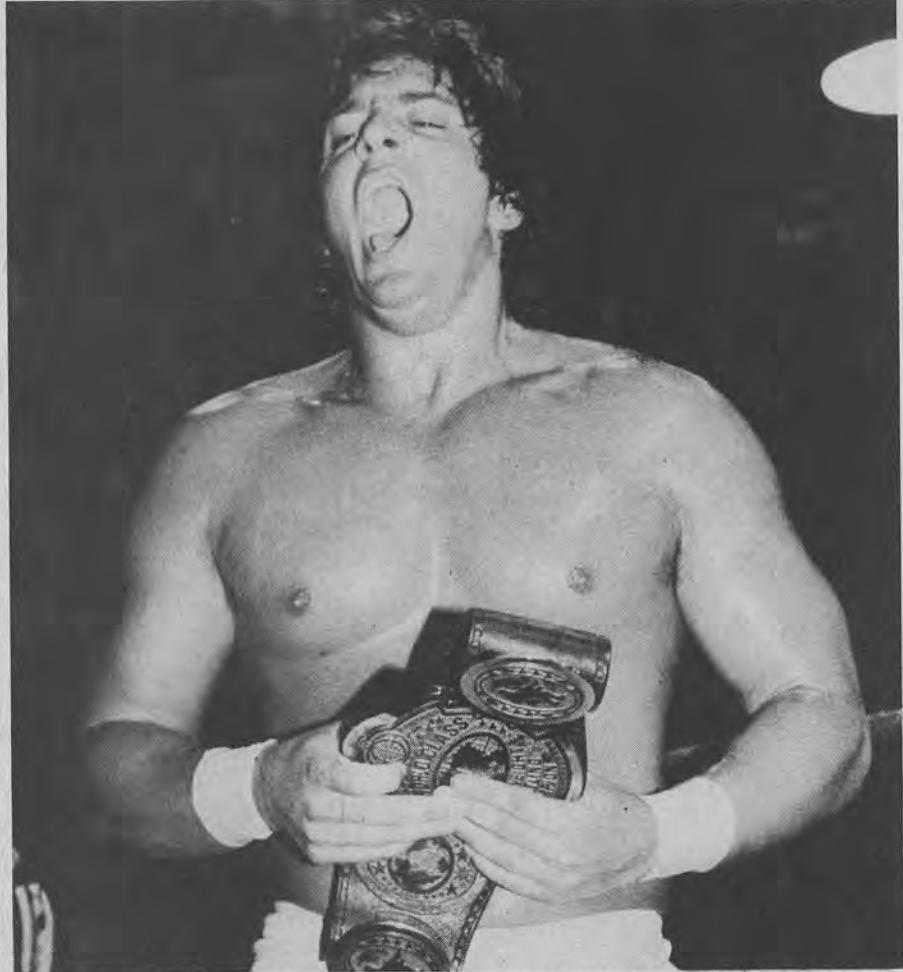
**A:** Baloney!

**Q:** Now wait a second, are you going to tell me that Flair had all of his senses when you pinned him?

**A:** You said it.

**Q:** But what about Kerry's interference in that match? He was the one who kayoed Flair, and you simply covered him for the pin.

**A:** Please, Craig, you're speaking like a naive cub reporter. Do you honestly believe that Kerry could have



Gino Hernandez, clutching the World Class heavyweight championship belt, shouts to the fans. Their reaction toward him is unfavorable, to say the least.

done anything to Flair considering that his own doctor told him to not even wrestle at all? What kind of nonsense is this? Sure, Kerry was crazy that night, he wanted a piece of Flair. But he was too weak from what I did to him in our own match that he couldn't even spit on Flair if he wanted to. He just didn't have the energy to do anything to him.

**Q:** And you just covered a wounded Flair for the title.

**A:** I pinned the NWA World heavyweight champion. Don't you ever forget that.

**Q:** You know, it seems like you're leaving out some important details of your title victory here.

**A:** Oh, come on, Craig, I haven't left out anything. This is what happened, exactly as I told you. If you ask me, you're the one who came into this interview trying to prosecute me. You come in here with all kinds of accusations and assertions

about me, trying to make me look ridiculous, trying to downgrade my achievements, my success. Why don't you ask me any serious questions about the success I've enjoyed since returning to the World Class area?

**Q:** All right. Very simply—has success spoiled Gino Hernandez?

**A:** No, not at all. Success hasn't spoiled me. All it's done is prove to the world that I am truly the greatest wrestler alive today.

**Q:** But you've . . .

**A:** Hey! Just listen to me: the greatest. Period. That includes Flair, it includes the Von Erichs, it includes Garvin, The Freebirds, Chris Adams. Everyone. The best. That's me. And if you don't believe it, just come out and see me wrestle some time.

**Q:** I've seen you wrestle, and I wonder about your being "the best."

**A:** Hey, anytime you want to step into that ring I'll prove it to you.

**Q:** I want to ask you about Bruiser Brody.

**A:** A great wrestler. Excellent. What do you want to know?

**Q:** Well, as a lot of our readers know, you and Bruiser Brody held the



Again looking to the crowd, Hernandez applies a rear chinlock on Jules Strongbow (above). Pay enough money, and anybody can have fans (below).

World Class American tag team belts back in 1979. Now that you have both the American and the Texas belts, do you plan to go for the tag belts as well, possibly even with Brody?

**A:** Hmm. Not a bad idea. Actually, I hadn't given it a lot of thought until you mentioned it right now, but Brody would be the right partner to do it with again. And that would complete my domination of the World Class area—all three belts. Yeah, now that you mention it, that would be the one way I could surpass my own greatness up to this point. I'm great, I'm gorgeous, and it's almost impossible to outdo the greatness that is me, but that could really be the way to do it.

**Q:** So we can expect a Gino Hernandez-Bruiser Brody tag team in the near future?

**A:** Well, I don't know about that. I know that Brody's got some commitments in the AWA, but there are other men who are probably available. The tag team belts. Hmm. Not a bad idea. Not bad at all. □



**"I'm great, I'm gorgeous, and it's almost impossible to outdo the greatness that is me, but that could really be the way to do it. The [World Class] tag team belts."**

**Hmm. Not a bad idea.**

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*Eddie Gilbert and Tommy Rich rose quickly to the top of the tag team ratings in the Mid-Southern region, but it now seems that they are on the brink of losing to the most powerful opponents they have faced—each other! Will these two men ever team again? Right now, things do not look promising*



Tommy Rich slams a chair across Phil Hickerson's head (left).

#### **By Joseph Bua**

JUNE 18—Tommy Rich and Eddie Gilbert lose their Mid-Southern tag team belts to the Mid-Southern Spoiler and Phil Hickerson. Gilbert blames himself for the loss. Previously, Hickerson had attacked Gilbert's brother, Doug, who had been taking photographs during a TV match. Gilbert said afterward that he let his emotions

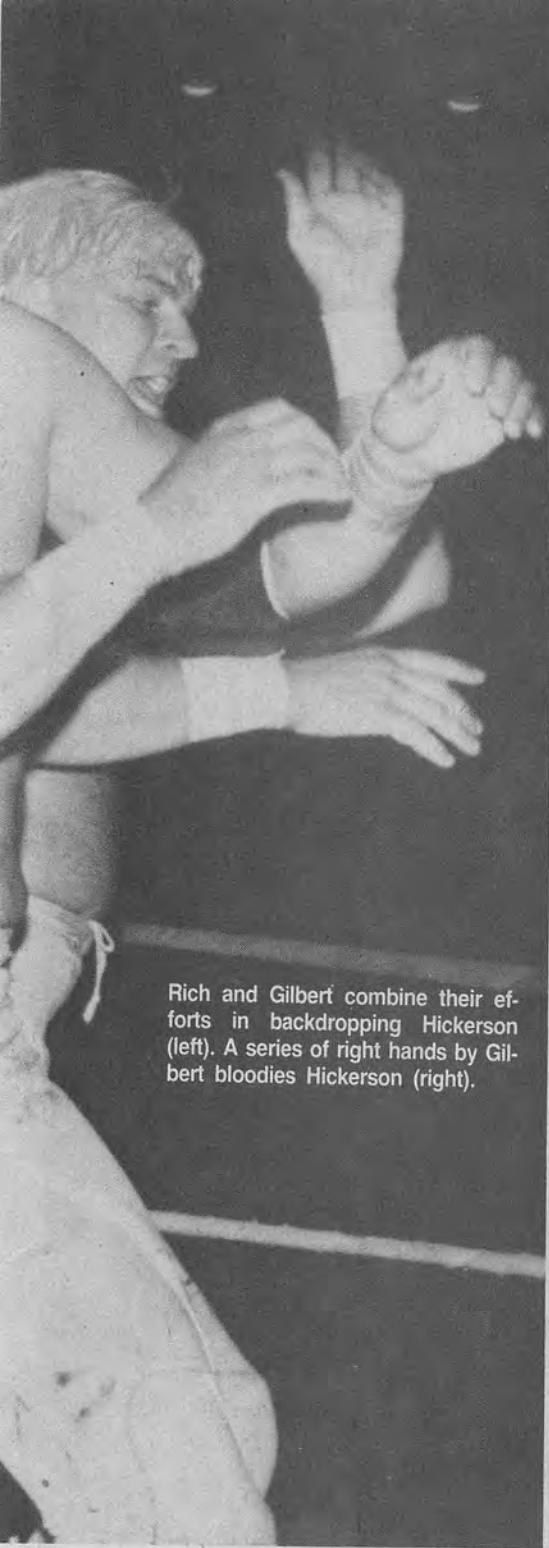
affect his wrestling.

JUNE 25—Rich and Gilbert battle Hickerson and Spoiler in a return streetfight match. Both teams are badly bloodied. Both teams are also disqualified. Hickerson and Spoiler retain the titles.

JUNE 29—In Pensacola, Florida, Tommy Gilbert, Eddie's father, defeats Johnny Rich, Tommy's cousin, to win the United States

junior heavyweight championship (as recognized in Florida). The title change kicks off a violent feud between the two.

JULY 9—Rich defeats Masao Ito to win the Mid-Southern International title. On the same card, Gilbert teams with Memphis Showboats football player Ron Mikolajczyk to defeat The Hollywood Blonds.



Rich and Gilbert combine their efforts in backdropping Hickerson (left). A series of right hands by Gilbert bloodies Hickerson (right).

JULY 16—Rich gets richer. He beats Rick Rude for the Mid-Southern heavyweight title.

**“W**HAT'S GOIN' ON with Tommy and Eddie?" a female fan at Memphis' Mid-South Coliseum asked me. "They haven't wrestled together in three weeks."

I told her that with Tommy Rich

holding the two heavyweight championships recognized in the Mid-Southern region, it was practically impossible for him to wrestle in tag team matches as well.

"That's a shame," she said. "I loved watching them wrestle together. I was so upset when they lost to Hickerson and that Spoiler. Do you think they'll ever try to get the belts back?"



# Tommy Rich and Eddie Gilbert's Toughest Battle: KEEPING THEMSELVES TOGETHER

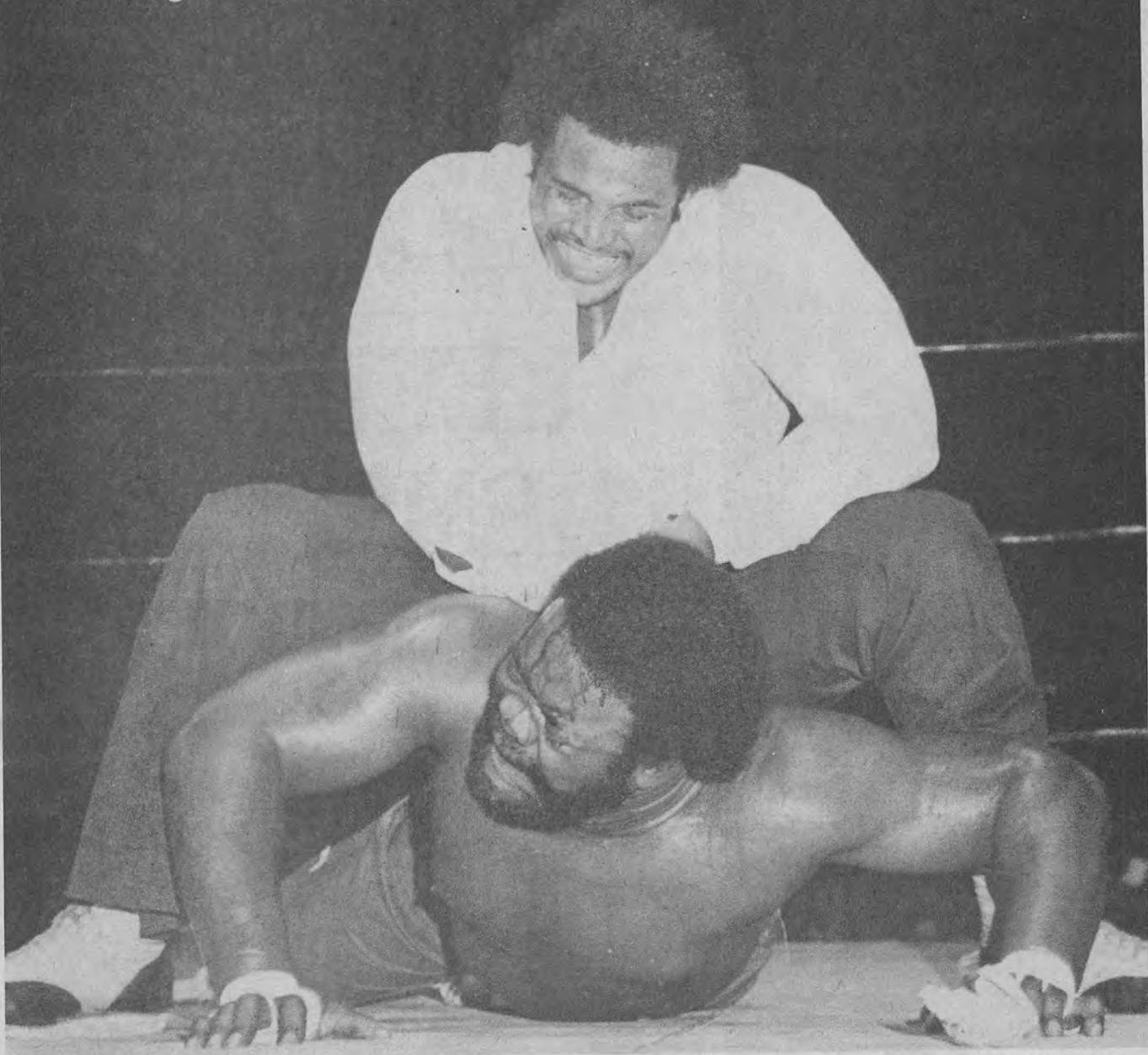
"I don't know," I said. "That will have to be up to them. Enjoy the matches."

"I'll try," she said, walking back around the ring to her seat.

Presently, there is no Tommy Rich-Eddie Gilbert tag team. The last time the two men were in the ring at the same time was on July 2, and it doesn't look as if they

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# Junkyard Dog vs. Butch Reed



Photos by Alice Marie Nelson

## TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

**J**UNKYARD DOG IS not the kind of man who takes kindly to being painted yellow. Or tarred-and-feathered.

Not that any man would enjoy being victimized like that, but that's not the point. The point is that few men in this world are able to do much about

it. And fewer still are able to do as much about it as Junkyard Dog.

"This here Hacksaw Reed is the biggest coward I ever seen," Junkyard Dog told *Inside Wrestling* during an interview in June. "He ambushed me in the ring and slapped me all over with yellow paint, trying to prove to

the world that I got some kind of yellow streak, then he turned tail and ran and really proved who the coward is.

"And then him and his stooges worked it so that I'd get myself covered with molasses and feathers," Junkyard Dog said. "I don't like to be humiliated, neither, and I aim to do



something about."

And what did Butch Reed have to say about Junkyard Dog?

"That slimy ol' dog is just a flea-bitten old has-been," Reed said, "and he's a dummy besides. How many times do I have to beat him? How many times do I have to whip his hide to make the truth sink through his thick head? And the truth is that he can't hope to compete against this perfect brickhouse body of mine! Raw strength and power. There's no way that flea-bitten mongrel can compete with me. It's just a matter of time before I eliminate that stringy ol' dog forever."

"Reed is the flea on the Dog's back," Junkyard Dog howled, "and when I scratch a flea, you can bet that the flea is gonna jump and dance and be gone before long. Yes, daddy, I aim to take care of Reed once and for all."

Junkyard Dog's opportunity to gain revenge against Butch Reed came in Houston. Dog had petitioned the Mid-South officials and requested that a special match—a ghetto streetfight—be sanctioned to settle the feud.

Junkyard Dog kicks out of a pinning attempt by Butch Reed (above). Reed mercilessly piledrives JYD outside the ring (below) and chokes him with his belt (opposite page).



A ghetto streetfight. Anything goes. The final solution to a problem that had drawn Junkyard Dog and Butch Reed into a series of matches that had shocked and stunned Mid-South wrestling fans by their brutality and savagery.

The fans in the Sam Houston Coliseum were abuzz with anticipation. They had witnessed the yellow paint and tar-and-feather incidents that had caused Junkyard Dog so much embarrassment over the past few months. They are staunch fans of Junkyard Dog. They were there to see the Dog have his day.

Both men wore street clothes for the match. Reed wore wrestling boots, while Junkyard Dog wore cowboy boots.

Reed moved in for the first attack, even before the bell signaled the start of the match. He hit the Dog with a powerful series of elbow and forearm smashes, followed up with a dropkick, and began tearing the Dog's shirt off his back.

The Dog was face-down on the mat and Reed was straddling his back. Reed pulled off his belt and began choking JYD. The Dog powered to his knees, and Reed took the belt and wrapped it through JYD's mouth, pulled back viciously, and nearly snapped JYD's neck in two.

Reed flipped JYD over on his back and went for a quick pin, but the Dog was ready to strike back. Within seconds, Reed and JYD became a virtual blur of activity, striking out at each other with the pent-up vengeance of months of hostility.

Reed gained the advantage once more, powering JYD to the mat with another series of elbow and forearm smashes. Several kicks to JYD's side had the Dog near the ring apron, and

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***The feud between Junkyard Dog and "Hacksaw" Butch Reed reached intensely violent proportions in a staggeringly short period of time. Reed had painted JYD yellow, and had tarred-and-feathered him with molasses. JYD was out for sweet revenge, and his chance came when Mid-South wrestling officials sanctioned that most brutal of matches: a ghetto streetfight!***

**The telephone wires sizzle every month as two top wrestlers voice their rage and hostility toward each other. This is the unedited transcript of their conversation, your chance to see the raw emotion that results when two antagonists face off . . . One on One**

On May 6 in Green Bay, Wisconsin's Brown County Arena, Ken Patera and Crusher Blackwell lost the AWA World tag team championship to Baron Von Raschke and The Crusher. On May 7, neither Patera nor Blackwell held a place in Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie's future plans. The Sheik, who had spent a half-million dollars to put the team together, was busy on the phone trying to procure the services of new men to take their places.

After waiting out a suspension imposed by AWA officials, Patera left on a tour of Japan. Blackwell remained in the area, however, still under contract to Al-Kaissie. The Saudi manager had also contracted Bruiser Brody and Abdullah the Butcher to wrestle for him.

Al-Kaissie teamed Blackwell and Abdullah, leaving Brody to wrestle in singles competition. The Abdullah-Blackwell tag team suffered from lack of communication. In fact, there were times when fans thought the two men would begin to fight it out between themselves.

In June, Blackwell won a \$100,000 battle royal in the St. Paul Civic Center. The last three men in the ring were Blackwell, Abdullah, and Brody. Some thought the three stablemates would split the prize three ways. They were wrong. Blackwell eliminated both men to capture the \$100,000.

# ONE O



*"You have destroyed your wrestling career for a paltry \$100,000 worth of pocket change."*

—Adnan Al-Kaissie

After the bout, Al-Kaissie ordered Brody and the Butcher to attack Blackwell. The savage beating devastated Blackwell, who has since vowed revenge. The 474-pound giant from Stone Mountain, Georgia, has not had any communication with his former manager . . . until now, as Inside Wrestling brings them together to discuss their conflict . . . "One On One."

#### ADNAN AL-KAISSE:

How does it feel to be on the brink of disaster, you fat fool? The only thing larger than your obese physical proportions is the lapse in logical judgment you have made. And now you are lumbering down a path from which there is no return. We have a proverb in my country,

Blackwell: "He who is lured by the beauty of the mirage is enthralled by an illusion greater than that of the image he perceives." Doesn't make sense to you, does it? Let me explain, you fool. You have destroyed your wrestling career for a paltry \$100,000 worth of pocket change. That money was a mirage, and the illusion you've reacted to is the false belief that you can guide your own destiny, and the foolishness that you can get away with crossing me. You can't. And you won't.

#### CRUSHER BLACKWELL:

I gotta give you credit. You can take a situation that made you look like a complete idiot and

# NONE



*"For a while, I let your damned money control my life. I was wrong. Your money is dirty."*

—Crusher Blackwell

turn it around in your mind so that you're the winner. I beat your two replacements all by myself and you call me a fool? I'm \$100,000 richer and you call me a fool? In my mind, and in the minds of a whole lot of people, I'm the winner. And you, you're the big loser. You can use all your big words and your foreign sayings, but I'll stick by my good ol' American common sense. I won. You lost. Get used to it, because that's how it is.

**AA:** Yes, you're a fool. What does \$100,000 mean to me? Nothing! I spend that much in a day, and that could have been just the beginning of the money you would have enjoyed as a loyal and pro-

ductive member of my stable. But no, you decided to forge out on your own, so that will cost you. If this is American common sense, then it only proves the high level of stupidity in American thinking.

**CB:** Hey, that's my country you're talking about. I'd watch what you say or you'll have a whole nation breathing down your neck. Maybe we don't have your millions, but you wouldn't either if you weren't born on top of an oil well. We earn our money here in the U.S.A.. For a while, I let your damned money control my life. I was wrong. Your money is dirty with your damned upper-class attitude.

**AA:** As far as I am concerned, there is no class. There is success and failure. I am a success, and you are a failure. For you to call me "upper class" must mean that you consider yourself lower class. If one assumes the existence of a class structure, then I will agree with you. You are lower class.

**CB:** You're a success? Hey, when Ken Patera and I won the AWA tag title, you took all the credit. That must mean that it was your fault that we lost the title, too. The truth is Crusher and Von Raschke happened to be better than us the night—you had nothing to do with the loss. But you had nothing to do with our success, either! All you are is a big mouth with big money.

**AA:** And a big stable, of which you could have been an integral part. You have already tasted the might and power that is Bruiser Brody and Abdullah the Butcher. You will taste that power again in the future.

**CB:** Abdullah isn't a wrestler, he's a savage. I tried teaming with Abdullah. If a man can't communicate, how is he gonna be a good tag team wrestler? I will give you one thing: Bruiser Brody is your kind of man. He'll do anything for a buck. I'm not worried about either of them. I have a whole bunch of new friends to help me out now, the same guys who saved me after you ordered your goons to attack. I got Steve Keirn and Stan Lane, The Fabulous Ones. I got Curt Hennig, I got Greg Gagne, and I'm making new friends every day. So give it your best shot. I'm waiting for you.

**AA:** Go ahead and wait, dog. You won't have to wait long, and you certainly won't have to hide. And even if you did, it wouldn't matter. Your days are numbered, Blackwell. Enjoy them while you still can. □

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Even though Kerry Von Erich is a good wrestler, he is not as skilled as you are, and he just won the NWA belt and held on to the title for almost three weeks.

As WWF champion you weren't allowed to leave the Northeast and you never wrestled scientific grapplers. In the NWA or AWA, you would travel around the world and take on scientific and rulebreaking wrestlers, and finally get the recognition that you deserve.

Good luck, champ!

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PAM WELDON  
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An open letter to Harley Race:

In the August 1984 issue of *Inside Wrestling*, you and Ric Flair went "One on One." You said that Flair flaunts his World title around. Well, there are a couple of things you should know.

First of all, Flair is great looking, and with his belt and his looks and his ability, it's only natural for him to flaunt his abilities.

Another thing: Flair is a great champion. I'm not saying that you weren't, but you had your time to flaunt yourself. You shouldn't say that Flair shouldn't flaunt his belt around like a piece of custom-made jewelry, because the belt isn't yours to begin with!

ANGIE HATFIELD  
Fayetteville, NC

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## THE MAGNUM-II FEUD

I would like to direct this letter to Magnum T.A. and Mr. Wrestling II.

Terry Allen and Mr. Wrestling II, you are both good wrestlers. But Terry, you're our favorite. You're our one true friend. You're so loyal! We love you because you stood up for your rights and let Mr. Wrestling II know you really were your own man.

At first you tried to put up with his childish behavior, and I admit you put up with more than anyone should ever have to put up with. But you did it because you cared enough about your friendship with Mr. Wrestling II.

But it was no good, because he was already spoiled. He had let jealousy get in his way. He acted like Mr. Big Stuff, but when you finally stood up to him, he chickened out! Mr. Wrestling II is nothing but a chicken and a cheater.

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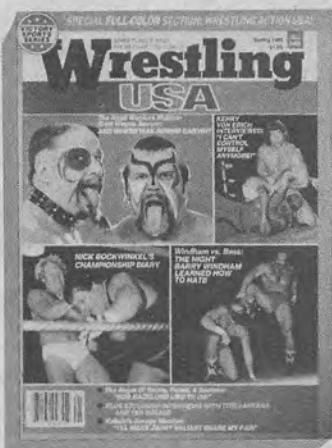


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As for you, Mr. Wrestling II, you may have made Terry Allen what he is today, but you couldn't have done it if there wasn't something in him to start with. Magnum was as tame as a kitten when you met him, but now he's a roaring lion. So you'd better watch out, because he's gonna get you, and get you good!

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## BODYSLAMS & PINFALLS

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Sawyer's emotional turmoil would never have gone back to the NWA. Victims rarely return to the scene of the crime. Sawyer's few close friends urged him to stay with Albano. It was too early to prove anything to the NWA; give the psychological scars time to heal over, they pleaded. Sawyer ignored them.

One not surprised by Sawyer's decision was Lou Albano. According to a source close to Albano, the Captain



The real Buzz Sawyer suplexes Billy Jack outside the ring (above). Trying to defeat Road Warrior Animal wrestling by the rules is a fruitless task (top right).



But you can't run away; you've got to confront it. Sawyer knew that. He was waiting until he felt secure enough to return. I've seen guys get battered by the fans' praise, but Sawyer had it worse than anyone I've ever seen.

Sawyer could become NWA champ, but I don't think he will. He's still psychologically banged up, which is understandable considering he had to struggle with both the fans and his family.

Because the fans couldn't appreciate Buzz Sawyer for the brilliant athlete he was and is, the man is weakened and wounded. Though he must know this, it doesn't matter to him. He can't wait any longer to vindicate himself and confront the NWA fans. It's an act of courage that's both admirable and frightening. Those who know Sawyer best say the man is battling a terror it's hoped the rest of us will never have to understand.

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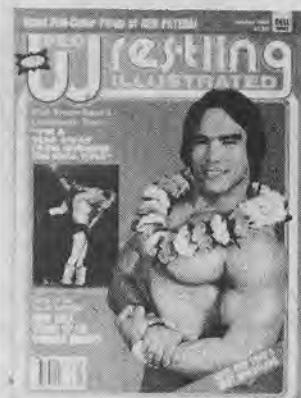
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# DRESSING ROOM DOOR

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in a match that true wrestling fans would like to quickly forget.

It was a peculiar scene at the Garden that Monday night. The main attraction was not the two professional athletes in the ring, but the supposed managers outside the ring. Capt. Lou Albano was in the corner of the champion, rock star Cyndi Lauper was in the corner of the challenger. The photographers at ringside, most of whom were representing national rock magazines, were interested only in the woman with the funny makeup just wanting to have fun. It was sad to see the spotlight stolen from the greatest woman wrestler of all time.

Cyndi Lauper and Lou Albano might not like each other, but their role in this extravaganza was simply to make it an extravaganza. What can Cyndi Lauper teach a seasoned veteran like Wendi Richter about wrestling? And as for Moolah, it's hard to believe that Lou Albano is going to have any influence on her at this stage in her career. True wrestling fans care more

about wrestling than they do hype. Let the Cyndi Lauper fans watch the action at ringside. The real action was inside the ring.

Moolah gave Richter a lesson in how to cheat and get away with it. Throughout the match, Moolah's hands looked like they were crazy-glued to Richter's hair, and referee Jack Lotz, who is noted for his ability to control 300-pound men, couldn't do a thing about it. Ironically, it was one pull of the hair that probably cost Moolah her title. Moolah had Wichter badly weakened and covered for a pin. Instead of accepting the three-count, however, she grabbed her challenger by the hair and lifted her shoulders off the canvas.

Moments later, Moolah pushed Richter forward into the turnbuckles and expertly rolled her back into a re-

verse cradle. Her intention on such a maneuver is to bridge her neck so that her own shoulders remain off the canvas. This time, however, she was unable to do so. When Lotz began his count, he was doing so for both wrestlers. Just before his hand hit the mat a third time, though, Richter managed to lift her right shoulder off the mat. Moolah, thinking she had won, put on her belt and began to strut around the ring, as she had done 3,000 or so times before. Until the official announcement was made, nobody in the arena—including Richter—knew that there was a new World women's champion.

Moolah, who quite naturally does not know how to lose, dropkicked referee Lotz from behind after the decision was rendered. But there was nothing she could do about it. Her reign was over. The belt, which for now still has a picture of Moolah on its front, was around an unfamiliar waist. As Moolah sat in isolation, doubtlessly wondering whether or not she should continue her career, the belt she had taken around the world for more than a quarter of a century was in another dressing room with its new owner. A generation of wrestlers had come and gone none of them were able to do what Wendi Richter had done.

As Richter celebrated in front of the national television cameras with Hulk Hogan and Sgt. Slaughter and Dave Wolff (her manager of record), Lauper took the opportunity to badmouth Albano and Moolah. Richter, whose smile never left her face, spoke only of the realization of a dream. She had nothing bad to say about the former champion. How could a woman wrestler have anything bad to say about the greatest champion in the history of the world?

In the midst of the celebration, WWF champ Hulk Hogan, pointing to the belt, suggested that Richter "get this ugly picture of the ugly Fabulous Moolah off there and get the new Marilyn Monroe, the World champion on the front of that thing!"

I hope that Richter takes old belt and sends it to The Fabulous Moolah. She deserves nothing less. □

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## RICH & GILBERT

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will be wrestling together in the near future. The Mid-Southern region's fastest rising tag team has quickly become its fastest falling team as well.

"Yeah, I'm happy for Tommy," Gilbert said. "I'm glad he's doing well." Gilbert didn't sound too convincing, and his facial expressions hardly mirrored his comments. That's also all Gilbert cared to say about his relationship with Rich.

The Mid-Southern fans have been concerned about Gilbert in particular. Eddie teamed with Dutch Mantel in a recent match against Hickerson and the Spoiler. Gilbert seemed despondent and

sluggish during the bout. He missed tagging with Mantel on one occasion. Then, Gilbert left the ring and walked back to the dressing room, only to return as Mantel was being pinned.

"I wondered what was going on myself," said Jerry Lawler, who was in the dressing room corridor while the match was taking place. "I thought when Gilbert came back into the dressing room area that the match was over, but I was still hearing crowd noises from the arena. I thought Eddie might be sick, but he didn't look

Rich brings the Mid-Southern Spoiler to the mat in his team's losing effort.



The love Tommy Rich has for his cousin Johnny (below), and that Eddie has for his father, Tommy (above) has placed a wedge between the tag team partners.



sick. He was—well, I don't really know how to explain it. I guess he looked bored more than anything else."

Meanwhile, Rich continues to defend his two title belts. "It's something I have to do," he said. "Wrestling in tag teams with Eddie was good, and we did well. But my own career means a lot to me, too. I don't think that makes me a bad guy. It doesn't make me selfish. I think it's pretty normal to want to be in the spotlight. All wrestlers want that. If we didn't, we'd go into team sports where you have to share the glory."

Jackie Fargo, who brought the Rich-Gilbert tag team together last April, optimistically speculates that his team will get back together, but not before they confront the problems that led to their breakup.

"I see four things that have led to their problems, and don't let anyone tell you there aren't problems. Number one, Tommy feels Eddie acted unprofessionally during the match where they lost the belts to Hickerson and the Spoiler. Number two, Eddie feels Tommy let him down when he went for the singles titles instead of trying to get the tag team belts back. And three, this feud between Eddie's dad and Tommy's cousin threw a big wrench into the works. I think Tommy backed away from Eddie at that point. That was when he decided to go for Ito's title. Both of these young men have a very strong sense of family."

"And number four—probably the most important one of all—they're not talking about it. You've gotta communicate if you're gonna resolve problems. If you keep them pent up inside you, they keep banging around inside there and it just hurts more. They gotta talk. If not, you're not gonna see those two boys wrestling together again, and that would be a shame. A damn shame." □

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Wrestling with this situation was tougher than wrestling most of my opponents. I had to consider that by betraying T.A.'s trust, I'd also be turning my back on the fans who have supported me throughout my career. If everything worked the way I planned it to, I'd vindicate myself. If not, I'd lose that support. It was a chance I had to take for Terry.

I had to win the North American title, but I had to do so in a way that Terry would get very angry at me. Junkyard Dog, our mutual friend, was the champion and he was in a horrible slump. He had grown complacent and seemed to be just going through the motions. I figured I had the chance to kick some sense into J.Y.D., which would ultimately help his career, and anger T.A. at the same time.

The day before my title match against J.Y.D., I walked out on Terry during our tag team match against The Midnight Express. I left him there by himself to lose the tag team belts. The next night, I strapped a foreign object onto my leg and kneelifted my way to the North American title. I felt bad that I had disgraced the belt in that way, but it had to be done.

By the time Terry and I were ready to go at it for the title, the kid was steaming. I was thrilled that the plan had worked. This is where the fans might misunderstand. Some might say that I could have just let Terry win the belt at that point, but I couldn't. He would know that I was going

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easy on him and the title would mean nothing to him. I tried my hardest. I just happened to be in the ring with a better, more driven, man that night. He is, and will be, a fine North American champion.

My only regret is that I disgraced the reputation of Tim “Mr. Wrestling” Woods by taking his name and training Ray Hernandez to be the new Mr. Wrestling II, or Wrestling III as you called him. I never let him know my plan, and he turned out to be ... well, let's just say that it pained me to be associated with him.

My treatment of TV broadcasters, the fans, and the press was just part of the whole plan. T.A. is a smart kid. I had to cover all the bases. I picked on you in particular, Joe, because I know how proud you are of your reputation, and I knew that you would work hard to protect it. I congratulate you on your coverage of the entire sordid affair. You were fair, accurate, and honest.

Now, I'm moving on to the Southeastern part of this country. Southeast wrestling doesn't get a great deal of coverage in the national magazines, but there is a great deal of talent there, and I plan to work really hard toward one of the two singles titles, either Austin Idol's Southeastern title or Boris Zurkhov's Alabama State belt. Bob Armstrong and his son Scott are also there, and if I can help Bob bring his son along, teach him some things along the way, I'll be glad to.

I hope I'll be hearing from all of you soon. I know I put you all through the ringer, but I think it was worth it. I made a young man's dream come true, and there's no better feeling in the world.

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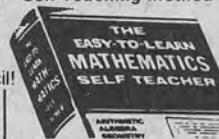
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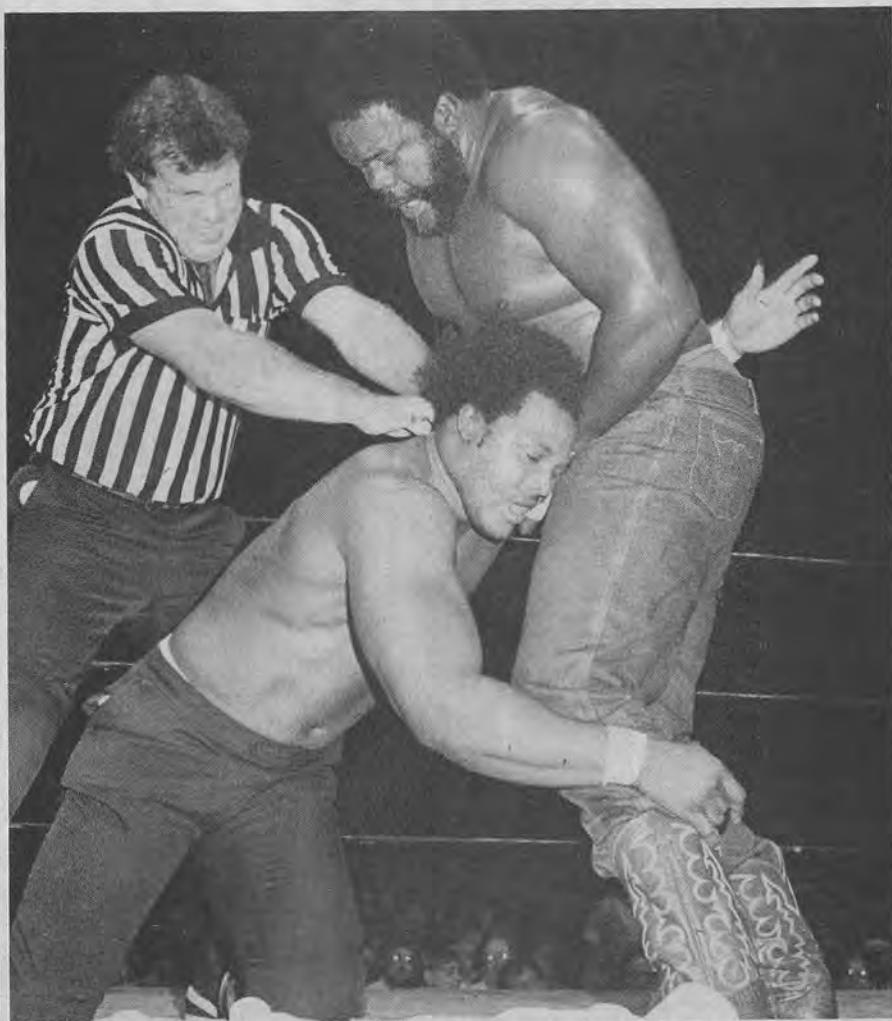
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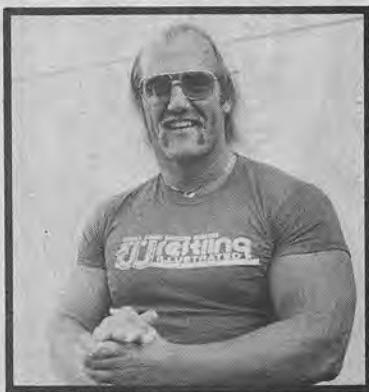
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Kernodle's blood staining his massive chest, Warrior Hawk will soon move in on his weary foe.

tional tag team belts. But could there in fact be a more significant reason for the hasty retreat of Hawk, Animal, and Ellering from the NWA?

Perhaps the threat of a ban on the Warriors spurred Ellering to action. Knowing that the loss of the Warriors as active wrestlers would mean financial ruin to The Legion of Doom, Ellering had to act—and act quickly.

And act he did. Ellering turned his back on the World belts held by Ivan Koloff and Don Kernodle. He turned his back on the NWA and headed for the AWA, where the threat of a permanent ban on the Warriors did not exist.

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By retreating from the NWA, Ellering may well have cost his Warriors the NWA World tag team belts. He may also have cost them a head start on a greater reputation and level of success—two things that could have had The Legion of Doom's account sheet in the black for many years to come. □

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\* **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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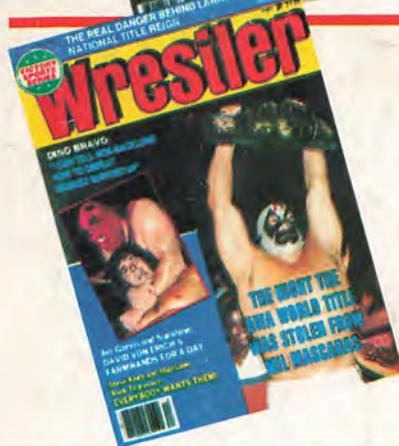
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